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Israelis and PLO near historic deal

BY BENJAMIN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

■ Middle East peace talks resume tomorrow with hopes of a deal between Israel and the PLO. But hardliners on both sides are warning of violence

ISRAEL and the Palestine Liberation Organisation are today on the verge of a ground-breaking deal that could mark the beginning of a Middle East peace settlement.

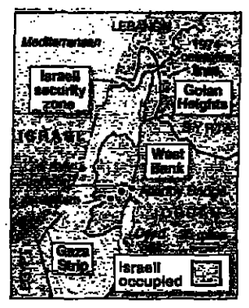
The Israeli cabinet is expected this evening to approve a plan for Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza strip and the West Bank town of Jericho. The deal, reached after secret talks between senior Israeli ministers and PLO officials, will then be discussed in detail when the Middle East peace process resumes in Washington tomorrow.

Israel Radio said last night that under the "Gaza-Jericho First" proposals, Palestinians would be granted limited self rule if the PLO, in turn, undertook to halt terrorism against Israeli targets and to delete references in its charter to the destruction of the Jewish state. The deal could lead to the two enemies recognising each other, although the cabinet will not vote tonight to recognise the PLO, which is still outlawed in Israel.

The proposed agreement skates round the question of Jerusalem, claimed by both sides, but Israeli ministers hope that it will advance talks with the Palestinians and spur progress in negotiations with Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, last night endorsed the package, and Yossi Sarid, the environment minister, said: "We are talking about a deal that is ready to be signed." His colleague Moshe Shahal said it could be put into force "within weeks — months at most".

Leading PLO officials were also optimistic last night. Bassam Abu Sharif, an aide to Yassir Arafat, said: "We are five minutes away from the first concrete steps to be taken on the road to establish peace in the Middle East." But other PLO officials sounded a sour note, saying they might pull out of tomorrow's talks if Israel did not fully withdraw. "We are seriously considering suspending the talks because Israel does not intend to withdraw from one inch of the



territories," Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department, said.

Mr Rabin also faces opposition from hardliners and leaders of Jewish settlers in the territories, who fear this is the first step to the creation of a PLO state. "This is an act of treachery. There will be a war," Rabbi Eliyaju Levanon of the West Bank's Eilon Moreh Settlement said.

Haim Ramon, the health minister, insisted, however, that Jews in the territories would remain under Israeli rule. Soldiers would be pulled out, but "no Jewish settlement will be moved". Mr Ramon went on to say that the accord would be between Israel "and all Palestinians who support peace, oppose terror and recognise Israel's right to exist".

The remark pointed towards a change in Israel's usual policy of shunning open contacts with the PLO, which it has traditionally viewed as a terrorist group. Confirming that the proposal was worked out in talks with senior members of the PLO, Mr Ramon said: "This whole matter is now out of the closet."

General agreement on the plan is believed to have been reached when Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, met a senior PLO official in Scandinavia on August 20. Mr Peres then held four hours of secret talks with Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, in California on Friday.

State Department spokesmen refused to go into details about that meeting yesterday, saying only that the talks had made clear that real progress was possible when the 11th round of formal talks open tomorrow. President Clinton was also cautious in welcoming the potential breakthrough. "I'm hopeful, but there's been a lot of these things before," he said. "We're working on it; we've been working on it steadily for some time. We've still got a long way to go."

Gamble pays off, page 10

SIMON WALKER



A young participant getting a little help from her friends as she stepped out in the children's parade on the first day of the Notting Hill carnival in west London yesterday. Up to 400,000 were expected to take part and more than 8,000 police were on hand, although only 500 officers were on the streets during the day. Report, page 3

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- Readership of The Times has risen by 31 per cent in a year, the highest percentage increase of any national, quality daily newspaper, according to the National Readership Survey. The number of readers is now 1,239,000.

Bosnians still divided over map

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Bosnian peace talks reopen in Geneva tomorrow, with the Muslim-led Bosnian government and the Bosnian Croats demanding further adjustments to the proposed map, which will divide the country into three mini-states. However, the Bosnian Serbs say there can be no more negotiations.

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MI5 examines files showing how Stasi recruited in Britain

BY JAMIE DETTMER

DOCUMENTS being studied by MI5 disclose how the Stasi, the former East German secret service, recruited widely in Britain during the 1980s.

The files show that the Stasi made a special effort to make contact with scientists and academics and that at least two agents in London had the specific task of concentrating on the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Hundreds of intelligence documents have been passed on to MI5 by the Central Intelligence Agency. They are understood to contain the code names of several Britons who spied for the East Germans.

The information from the CIA is likely to trigger one of the biggest mole hunts in British intelligence history. The documents being studied by MI5 are part of a huge consignment that was sold last year to the Americans by a Russian intelligence officer.

MI5 sources declined to discuss the nature of the documents. One said it was "too operational".

The files being analysed by British intelligence are understood to show that the Stasi made a concerted effort from 1984 onwards to recruit academics and scientists who had links with British government figures, or were working on a temporary basis with civil servants. At least two Stasi agents resident in London in the mid-80s had the specific task of targeting the CND and the trade unions. British military thinking, particularly with regard to nuclear policy, was of keen interest to the Stasi.

London was a prime site for East German intelligence activity. The GDR embassy in the capital had a higher proportion of intelligence officers — from the Stasi and from the GDR's military security arm — among its diplomatic staff than any other East German embassy abroad, with the exception of the mission in Washington. In the late 1980s, in the months before the fall of Eric Honecker's communist regime, high-ranking Stasi officers funnelled hundreds of thousands of West German marks belonging to the GDR Communist party via London banks to accounts in Virgin and Cayman Islands. Two Cold War moles have already

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Honecker: huge spy network in London

Legal loophole nearly set free wife-killer

BY BILL FROST

A STUDY is under way to plug a legal loophole after the recapture of an escaped killer about an hour before a Mental Health Act order restraining him in a secure hospital would have ceased to be effective.

James Rudman, 40, would have remained free under the terms of the act if he had stayed out of hospital for 28 days, unless there was fresh evidence of mental illness. He absconded from the Towers psychiatric hospital in Leicester on August 1.

Officials in the Department of Health and the Lord Chancellor's department were said yesterday to be studying section 37 of the act. One option is thought to be an extension of the system of "supervised discharge" of mentally ill patients into the community announced earlier this month.

David Blunkett, the shadow health secretary, who called for a review of the section, said: "Clearly this is an inappropriate procedure for dealing with those whose actions would normally result in the protection of the public through prolonged and secure custodial sentences."

Rudman was arrested at 11pm on Saturday in the Irish Republic. Police, acting on a tip-off, raided a farmhouse at Liscahane, Ardfert, six miles from Tralee and arrested Rudman, who had been in the republic for ten days. He appeared yesterday before Tralee District Court on an extradition warrant seeking his return to Britain. He was yesterday remanded in Cork prison until Wednesday. A solicitor said Rudman would contest any court proceedings in the Irish Republic.

Rudman had denied murder but admitted the manslaughter of his estranged wife, Susan, on grounds of diminished responsibility. Rudman stabbed his wife 41 times after a row over a missing video tape and a damaged home computer. During his trial at Leicester

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Life could begin at 100 if scientists have their way

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE march of science combined with the brisk walk of the health-conscious could lead to people routinely living to 115, a leading British professor will tell the British Association for the Advancement of Science today.

Genetic engineering and a greater understanding of the body's ageing processes promise to allow people to achieve longer and longer lifespans. When coupled with changes to healthier lifestyles and improvements in the environment, the advances raise the prospect that many people may live to a greater age. There is a catch: scientists cannot be sure that in boosting lifespan they will also be able to counteract the decline in brain function or postpone the onset of such conditions as Alzheimer's.

The prediction will come from Professor Grimley Evans, head of geratology at Green College, Oxford University. He will tell the association's annual meeting at Keele University that gene therapy — the technique emerging to counteract everything from cystic fibrosis to cancer — could push lifespans much further.

At the moment, only genes linked with [illegible] have been identified. But Professor Evans says that research with the primative nematode worm have recently pinpointed genetic mutations that appear to extend its lifespan; the worm is now at the centre of research efforts that may lead to the identification of similar genes in man.

Other research is trying to unravel the importance of free radicals — highly reactive chemicals produced in response to radiation but also as part of a cell's normal activity.

There are indications that these chemicals, important in the body for tackling disease, may also damage cells and contribute to ageing. Counteracting the effects of free radicals could also hold clues to improved lifespan. Professor Evans says that this area of research raises the spectre of an increasingly aged population riddled with the effects of strokes, arthritis and other ailments.

Healthier lifestyles could minimise the social and economic impacts of age-related disease. But "an intervention that postpones death without postponing Alzheimer changes in the brain might not be a good investment for individuals or for society," he says.

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Minister says talk of retreat on railways is nonsense

BY TIM JONES AND JILL SHERMAN

STEVEN Norris, the transport minister, last night dismissed as "nonsense" reports that the government was planning to retreat on rail privatisation amid signs of a growing Tory rebellion over the plans.

Mr Norris denied that the bill could be delayed to the next parliamentary session and said there were no plans to "rethink" British Rail privatisation.

However, ministerial sources made clear that John MacGregor, the transport secretary, is leaving his options open should the rebellion in the Commons prove large enough to threaten the government's majority.

The bill returns to the Lords on October 3 and is expected to go back to the Commons at the end of October. But transport officials are already drawing up contingency measures if a government defeat looks likely.

In July, the Lords passed a wrecking amendment to the bill, which the government hopes to overturn, allowing BR to compete with the private sector for franchises to run sections of the rail network.

This would effectively undermine the plan, which envisages splitting up the 11,000 mile network into 25 units run as private companies. BR, because of its expertise and inside knowledge, could be expected to win almost every franchise. The government is heavily opposed to the amendment, proposed by Lord Peyton, the former Tory transport minister, and hopes that it can be reversed during the report stage in the Lords or in the Commons.

An increasing number of Tory MPs, mainly those representing constituencies in the Home Counties, are concerned their seats would be at risk from a commuter backlash if the train services deteriorated or if fares increased.

Lord Peyton last night described the plans as a "nightmare". "I only hope John MacGregor will have second thoughts before going ahead with a measure which I cannot believe will be anything but a disaster for the railways and the government."

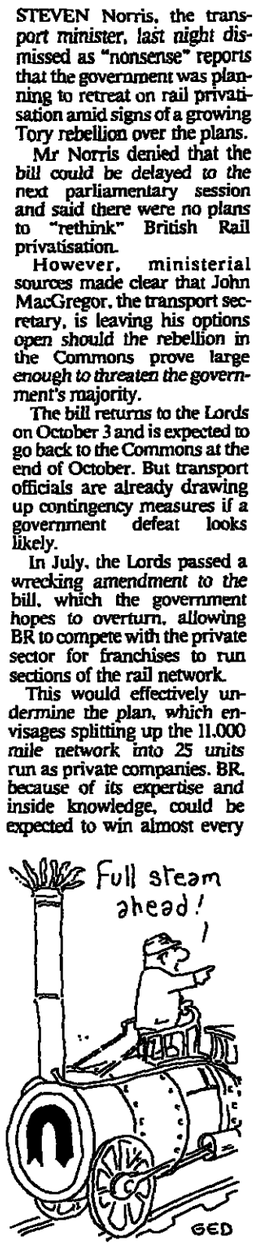
Mr MacGregor has still not declared his hand, but has been careful not to say that the government would oppose the amendment. Officials are examining ways of creating a level playing field to prevent BR winning all the bids.

Enough MPs to threaten the Tories' small majority are thought to be ready to embarrass the government.

One of the rebel MPs said yesterday: "Now that Maastricht is out of the way, we would be far more relaxed in voting against the government on this issue. The Lords amendment received all-party support which demonstrates the concerns are very real."

Brian Wilson, Labour's transport spokesman, said: "It would be best to give the whole thing a decent burial now, rather than scraping around looking for procedural devices to salvage it."

☐ The first privately operated passenger service on a BR network is to be withdrawn following heavy losses. Stagecoach, the Perth-based bus company, started leasing carriages on rail services between Scotland and London in April last year. It is to withdraw from the contract at the end of October.



JERRY KENNELLY



James Rudman arriving at court in Tralee yesterday on an extradition warrant seeking his return to Britain

Science graduates ill-matched to jobs

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

RISING graduate unemployment is likely to affect even those who respond to the government's call to switch to science subjects, careers advisers reported yesterday.

Figures to be published next week will show another sharp rise in the number of graduates without jobs. More than 10 per cent of those who left the traditional universities in 1992 had failed to find permanent work by the end of the year. The rate will be higher in the new universities.

Ministers are trying to attract more students into science and engineering to counter the skills shortage in key areas of the economy. Science degrees were excluded from this year's cuts in government payments for course fees, and a bursary scheme for engineering students is being piloted. In the long term, ministers expect broader study under the national curriculum to promote more interest in science.

Their immediate hopes are pinned on sixth-formers reacting to labour market signals and easier entry to higher education in science and engineering. But next week's figures are expected to show many science graduates faring as badly in the jobs market as their counterparts in the arts and social sciences.

Chris Davies, of Cambridge Consultants, which specialises in design and development, said his company was looking abroad to recruit research engineers. "Yet in 1991 unemployment was greater for graduates in some science subjects than, for example, in business studies."

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Killer's near escape leads to law review

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Crown Court in July last year five doctors testified he was mentally ill. The judge had originally intended to impose a five-year jail sentence but agreed to the hospital order after being told he would not be well enough to be released from psychiatric care for at least 18 months.

Ian Bynoe, of the mental health charity Mind, said cases such as Rudman's were rare but always caused strong and very justified public concern. "For the tiny minority of cases like this the law should be changed to prevent the consequences which nearly occurred here."

Kathleen Pole, the dead woman's mother, said: "No one was safe while that man was free. It sickened me and filled me with dread that he could be walking the streets a free man. He has killed someone and as far as I'm concerned he can kill again.

"I'm delighted he has been recaptured and I hope he's locked up good and proper this time. Nothing can bring my daughter back but we have to make sure this does not happen again."

Susan's brother, Robert Thornton, 35, said: "Rudman is a very clever and manipulative man. I believe he did his homework, discovered the loophole and hoped to be laughing in the face of the law.

"We thought he had got his freedom after the midnight deadline but then we received a call at 1.30am saying he had been recaptured. The family is absolutely delighted this man is back behind bars. We can all sleep safely again."

The dead woman's family has collected 3,000 signatures for a petition calling for the loophole to be closed. Keith Vaz, their Labour MP, is seeking meetings with the health secretary and the home secretary and may introduce a private member's bill in an attempt to change the law.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Timex shuts down Dundee factory

Timex wound up its Dundee factory last night, catching union officials off guard. The final closure of Harrison Road, the scene earlier this year of the worst picket-line violence since the miners' strike in 1984, came as sacked workers set off to picket the Timex factory in France.

A spokesman said Timex Electronics Corporation "deeply regrets ending its presence in Dundee after 47 years in the city". The company had announced it expected to end its operations at Harrison Road by Christmas, but said the weekend shift which ended at 6pm last night would be its last. The plant will not reopen today, which is a normal working day in Scotland. The final closure comes six months after the factory's unionised hourly-paid workers went on strike and were locked out in February.

Graveyard attack charge

A man has been charged with the attempted murder of Elizabeth Baylis, 63, who was attacked while tending her parents' grave in Hanbury, Hereford and Worcester. The man, 29, from Fernhill Heath, near Worcester, who has not been named, has also been charged with robbing her. He will appear before Bromsgrove magistrates today.

Win for cancer error girl

A girl whose cancer was misdiagnosed by the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham won a prize in a horse show yesterday. Nieka Chetwyn, 8, and her pony were judged to be the best turned out rider and horse in the show at Heaton Park, near her home in Manchester. Nieka has cancer of a different kind from that first diagnosed.

Couple on drugs charge

Richard Russell, 55, and his wife Suzanne, 41, from Taverham, Norfolk, have been charged with drug smuggling and money laundering after being arrested at their home on Saturday. The operation was carried out with American customs officers in Florida, who arrested a third person believed to be part of an international drugs ring.

Professor's games plan

Professor Cary Cooper, a psychologist and expert on stress, and two colleagues are to carry out a national study of about 2,000 youngsters to see how video games affect behaviour and their possible use as educational tools. The study is expected to start in the new year once it has been funded. Results of a pilot study have yet to be analysed.

Child snatch attempt

A man wearing a skirt and blouse tried to abduct a girl aged eight as she waited to be collected from a theatre in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, police said yesterday. The girl thought he was her mother when he waved at her from a car on Wednesday. He tried to grab her when she approached, but she escaped. Police are seeking a man in his twenties.

Ambulances meet QE2

The Cunard liner *QE2* docked at Southampton yesterday with ambulances waiting to take four people to hospital. On the voyage from New York, three passengers had heart attacks. One, an elderly Briton, died. An American passenger with a broken leg and a crew member with burn injuries from an engine-room accident were also taken to hospital.



Boy aged 12 wins a place at Oxford

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ADAM Dent may be starting a family tradition by winning a place at Oxford University at the age of 12. The science prodigy has to wait until 1994 before going to St Hugh's College to study chemistry. By then his brother Geoffrey, 11 yesterday, will be on his way to A level and sister Emma, 9, could be considering GCSE.

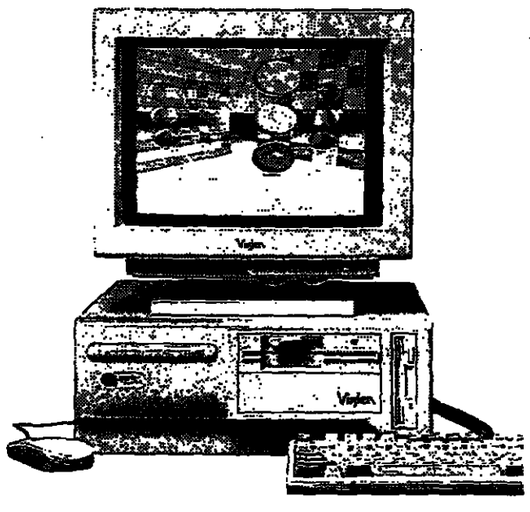
St Hugh's, which awarded Adam none to feature and bring his English, Geoffrey will be even more mature, since he does not want to start university until the ripe old age of 16.

All three children were withdrawn from school four years ago and taught at home by their mother. Now Adam has joined the sixth form at Aylesbury Grammar School, Buckinghamshire, at the age of ten.

"The thought of him going off to Oxford at 14 frightens the life out of me," Mrs Dent said yesterday at the family home in Edlesborough, Buckinghamshire. Adam said: "I am hoping that it will not be a continuation of the sixth form environment."

Adam: will go to St Hugh's next year

The Times, Friday January 29, 1993



City bomb marks IRA tactic change

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

TWO days before a bomb was found in Bishopsgate in the City of London police commissioner, Owen Kelly, warned his officers that the IRA would switch tactics and try to plant small bombs.

Police cleared a wide area on Saturday afternoon and found a package hidden behind hoardings near the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank building, where a huge IRA bomb killed a man in April.

The package was discovered in Wormwood Street, after a woman member of the public received a telephone call from a man with an Irish accent warning that a bomb had been planted. "An IRA codeword was used. The same one has been used before," a police spokesman said.

Officers from the bomb squad carried out a controlled explosion on the device. Nobody was injured and no damage was caused. The bomb was small enough to have been hidden in a pocket or bag.

Since July, when a security cordon including eight permanent roadblocks was put up around the City, it had been expected that the IRA would attempt to score a propaganda coup by penetrating the defences to plant a bomb. The attack is consistent with the terrorist strategy of constantly switching tactics to beat security and avoid capture. Mr Kelly said the police had never claimed they would be able to detect or prevent any one of hundreds of thousands of people who come into the City daily from carrying in a bomb. He added: "A hand-carried device could not cause the massive devastation we have seen at St Mary Axe or Bishopsgate".

Mr Kelly said other benefits from the measures included a 17 per cent decrease in crime and a sharp reduction in road traffic, leading to less air pollution.

The commissioner has also told his men that the television cameras monitoring large areas of the City are to be updated in the hope that they will give better picture quality to help catch terrorists and other criminals.

☐ Three men were being questioned by detectives last night after they were arrested during an investigation into arms smuggling by Loyalist groups in Northern Ireland.

The men were detained in Manchester and weapons were recovered, a Greater Manchester police spokeswoman said. She would not disclose when the arrest took place or reveal the type or quantity of weapons seized.

The men were taken to different police stations in Greater Manchester and were being held under fire-arms legislation and not the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Stasi files studied by MI5

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been unmasked by Western security agencies as a result of the information included in the Stasi files held at Langley, the CIA's headquarters. Earlier this month, two Nato officials, Rainer Rupp, a German, and his British-born wife, Christine-Ann, were arrested in southwest Germany by federal police, and charged with high treason.

The Rupps had top security clearance at Nato's Brussels headquarters. Federal German prosecutors have dubbed them the "most damaging spy ring in Nato's history". Between 1972 and 1989 they supplied their Stasi handlers with more than 10,000 Western alliance documents. Bonn is determined to bring the moles to justice. The Stasi files in Langley contain more than 2,000 real names and code names of West German moles.

While MI5 has been supplied with copies, the BFV, the German internal intelligence arm, has to send agents to Langley to make handwritten notes. In a documentary programme to be screened tonight on the German television network MRD, Kurt Rebmann, a former chief federal prosecutor, questions whether prosecutions based purely on handwritten notes

Portillo broadens cost-cutting drive

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

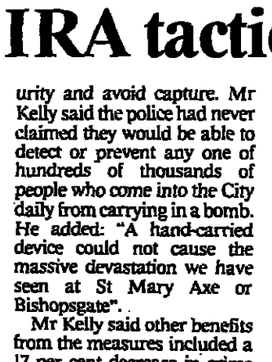
FARMING, public housing and legal aid are expected to be the next targets of Michael Portillo's spending review aimed at curbing costs and reducing state provision.

The chief Treasury secretary will make an announcement this autumn extending his review, which now covers four Whitehall departments, to at least four other areas.

The Ministry of Agriculture and the environment department will figure large, reflecting government concerns about the costs of the Common Agricultural Policy and inner-city programmes. Housing benefit and the administration of justice, including measures to control the legal aid bill will also be examined.

The first stage of the review, covering social security, health, education and the Home Office, has already led to damaging publicity over options such as charging pensioners for prescriptions and privatising state pensions. Those threats to the elderly combined with the imposition of VAT on fuel, heavily contributed to the government's defeat at the Christchurch by-election last month.

On Wednesday, Gordon



Portillo: opposed to increases in taxes

lor, will again seize on the VAT issue as he launches Labour's autumn campaign by highlighting government "betrayals" over tax and public spending. The campaign, "Stop the rot, start to build", will focus on the economy, crime and education, stressing Tory "incompetence, unfairness and betrayal".

In recent media appearances Mr Portillo has appeared to be softening up the public for tax increases this autumn, following on from similar comments by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

However, writing in *The Sunday Telegraph* yesterday, Mr Portillo made clear his own opposition to tax increases and his desire to

Key Tories round on Baker

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Baker was heavily criticised by Tory loyalists yesterday over his accusation that John Major failed to support Margaret Thatcher during her leadership crisis three years ago.

Key players in both the Thatcher and Major campaigns emphatically denied there had been any conspiracy by Mr Major to undermine his predecessor. However, some MPs allied to Douglas Hurd at the time admitted that the former home secretary's comments had a ring of truth about them.

Mr Baker claimed that Mr Major was initially reluctant to nominate Mrs Thatcher and to appear on television to express his support for her.

Robert Atkins, a leading figure in Mr Major's campaign, said Mr Baker's charges were "complete nonsense". Sir James Spicer, who was party vice-chairman at the time, accused Mr Baker of trying to boost sales of his memoirs.

However, Nicholas Fairbairn, a former Tory minister, said: "I have no reason to believe that Kenneth Baker, who was in a position to know, was not reflecting what

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BBC responds to newscaster's appeal

Governors enter debate over good news programmes

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE campaign for more positive and "good" stories on television news programmes led by the newscaster Martyn Lewis will be discussed by the BBC governors at a board meeting on Thursday.

In an unusual intervention in the sensitive issue of news and current affairs coverage, Sir Graham Hills, the BBC governor for Scotland, said that the corporation needed to broaden the focus of its bulletins to include technological advances and heroic deeds rather than concentrating on "fractious" political issues.

"We need to take the listening and viewing public into other areas that better reflect the world they are living in," he said. Sir Graham described the good news debate as a live issue, which he intended to raise with Tony Hall, head of BBC news and current affairs, and other governors at the first opportunity. The governors are to meet on Thursday.

Mr Lewis, who attracted scorn from many of his BBC colleagues when he launched his good news campaign in April, said he now had clear evidence that the corporation was responding to the issue.

"The points I have raised are now being weighed, even if only subliminally, by every news editor in the country. Recently we did a package in the news about the success of new working practices at the Rover car factory. Previously we had only focused on disputes. I know it was commissioned in response to my views," he said.

Addressing leading figures from the broadcasting industry at the Edinburgh International Television Festival this weekend, Mr Lewis said he had received support from senior BBC executives and public figures.

The newscaster said he would continue his campaign until the news agenda was tipped 15 per cent in favour of more positive stories. He dismissed accusations that he wanted to sanitise the news.

"The main criteria should not be violence, conflict, failure and disaster, but the extent to which stories shape the world in which we live," he said. Mr Lewis, who currently presents the BBC's flagship *Nine O'Clock News*, said he was looking forward to presenting the *Six O'Clock News* from next year. The corporation has decided to concentrate more on domestic stories in its early evening bulletins.

Responding to Mr Lewis's campaign, Mr Hall said he believed the issue was not good news against bad news. The BBC should instead increase the range and scope of its news coverage.

As a first step, the BBC would be piloting a new half-hour weekly news programme, modelled on *Nationwide*, shelved in 1983. It would be an ideal format for a broader range of news. "We will not be doing items on skateboarding ducks but we will be drawing heavily on our regional and specialist correspondents," he said.

☐ Television news has become noticeably less violent over the past decade in response to growing public concern, a senior BBC editor said last night.

Tim Orchard, editor of BBC1's *One O'Clock News*, said at the television festival that broadcast footage of corpses being shovelled into plastic bags after a bomb explosion in Belfast in 1972 would not be shown today.

Broadcasters rally round Birt in debate

BY OUR MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

LEADING figures in the broadcasting industry have rallied around John Birt, the beleaguered director-general of the BBC, against government threats to privatise parts of the corporation, break it up and cut the licence fee.

In a debate in Edinburgh yesterday, programme makers and controllers overwhelmingly rejected a motion entitled "The BBC is in danger of destroying itself from within".

The surprise result marks the significant turning point for the BBC, which has suffered months of relentless criticism, much of it aimed at the personality and management style of Mr Birt.

Speaking for the motion, Steve Morrison, managing director of Granada Television, acknowledged that the BBC, like all other broadcasters, needed reform. He argued, however, that the crisis in the corporation was one of management style. "Their aims are right but their methods wrong," he said. Defending the BBC, Bob Phillis, its deputy director-general, said the corporation did not have the time to introduce reform slowly.

He said that as the government would have to decide on the level of the licence fee in the next few months and on charter renewal soon after, the BBC had to convince the government now that it should not be privatised or forced to take advertising.

The result of the debate, however, does not indicate that Mr Birt has won over his employees. A recent staff survey showed that they felt alienated from senior management and were fearful of speaking out.

In a separate session, Mr Birt responded to a blistering attack from the playwright, Dennis Potter. He said the BBC had taken control of its destiny. "It will be a long haul because the degree of change is so great. We were an overheavy wasteful institution. It does take a long time to adapt to new circumstances."





Simon Ward's photographs of the first jump, above, and the ditched plane

Cool pilot praised by skydivers he saved

A PLANE carrying a team of skydivers plummeted 500ft after both engines failed, but a textbook manoeuvre by the Russian pilot enabled everyone on board to walk away from the wreckage.

The 17 skydivers, from the Royal Air Force Sports Association Parachute Club, had just taken off from Weston-on-the-Green airfield, near Bicester, Oxfordshire, on Saturday when the engines failed.

Simon Ward, a skydiver and photographer, said the skilful flying of Sergei Souskin, 40, saved the lives of the people on board the Antonov AN28.

Mr Ward, who had earlier taken pictures of his friends as they parachuted in formation, next found himself clambering out of the wreckage to take photographs on the ground of the crashed plane.

He said: "The first we knew that there was anything wrong was when the plane reached 500ft and began to level out of its climb. The pilot took off the flaps to give us a smoother climb and suddenly both engines stopped.

"Nobody panicked. It was brilliantly disciplined. The pilot immediately turned the plane 90 degrees, found a cornfield and went into a steep dive.

"A fraction of a second before we hit the field, he pulled the nose straight up in a textbook manoeuvre and the plane hit the ground on its belly. There was a hell of a bang as we hit the ground, and as it slid along the wings buckled and folded. He did a bloody brilliant job."

When emergency services reached the wreckage all 19 people on board had walked back to the parachute clubhouse. Six were treated for shock.

A spokesman for Thames Valley police said: "The accident will be investigated, but it appears that first the starboard engine failed and then the port one."

☐ A helicopter crashed three miles away within a few minutes of the plane crash. A five-year-old boy and six adults on board suffered minor injuries in the crash near the village of Noke.



The princess: guest at National Theatre

Princess to present business arts awards

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

THE ABSA/Arthur Andersen Awards for business sponsorship of the arts, held in association with *The Times*, will be presented this year by the Princess of Wales at the Royal National Theatre in London, it was announced yesterday.

The ceremony will include a new award, the *Times* Arts Critic Award, for excellence by arts organisations that have received business sponsorship in the past year. The award, sponsored by *The Times*, will be judged by our arts critics.

Elf Petroleum UK, a new sponsor in the sixteenth year of the awards, will present a prize of £6,000 and a specially commissioned work of art to the arts organisation that has made the best use of sponsorship to maintain and develop its activities. Arthur Andersen will give an award for the Business in the Arts Adviser of the Year.

These three special prizes will complement the main awards, in nine categories, to businesses that have shown enlightened and innovative sponsorship of the arts.

Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*, said: "*The Times* welcomes the opportunity to be associated with ABSA, Arther Andersen and these awards. We look forward to giving extensive coverage to the awards and arts sponsorship in general, encouraging our readers to appreciate the vital and exciting collaborations between the private sector and the arts."

US public opinion swings in favour of Michael Jackson

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN NEW YORK

THE tide of American public opinion was turning to support the beleaguered pop star Michael Jackson yesterday. As he celebrated his 35th birthday in Singapore, his friend Elizabeth Taylor was at his side offering moral support and her own view on claims that he had molested a 13-year-old boy.

"He'd rather cut his wrist than harm a child. He worships children," she said. "I believe 100 per cent in Michael's integrity."

Miss Taylor, who has been a friend of Mr Jackson for many years and chose his Neverland ranch as the venue for her last wedding, is one of the few celebrities to come out in public support of the pop star since charges of sex abuse were made last week.

Janet Jackson, the singer's sister, also flew to Singapore to join him on the latest leg of his "Dangerous" tour, which was interrupted last week when "dehydration" twice prevented the star from performing in Bangkok.

Police in Los Angeles have now acknowledged that raids on his ranch and flat, during which photographs and videotapes were seized, yielded nothing incriminating. Having spent much of last week watching Mr Jackson's videotape collection, officers admitted they could find no proof there of child sex abuse.



Michael Jackson, masked in Singapore yesterday

Police have interviewed at least four other young boys known to be friendly with Jackson, and while at least two have said they shared a bed with the musician, they denied any sexual contact with him.

The investigation rests solely on the testimony of Jordan Chandler, the 13-year-old boy who claims Jackson molested him during a four-month relationship which culminated in acts of illegal intimacy.

Mr Jackson's aides insist the allegations spring from a $20 million blackmail attempt by the boy's father, Evan Chandler, a Beverley Hills dentist.

Sun returns to boost tourist trade

BY HELEN NOWICKA

WARM bank holiday weather provided the tourist industry with a welcome late surge of trade over the weekend.

Thousands of people headed for the coast yesterday to take advantage of sunny conditions and light breezes. Traders at Blackpool reported their best weekend of a disappointing summer. Warwick Howlett, president of the Hotels Association, said: "The bank holiday has proved an absolute winner. There will have been some businesses saved from bankruptcy, courtesy of the last two days."

The Yorkshire coast had its brightest weather for some time but traders in Scarborough, Filey, Bridlington and Whitby reported spending was down on previous years.

Lifeboats were launched at Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, to rescue a child swept to sea on an inflatable ring, and at Withernsea, Humberside, to assist a pleasure craft whose engine had failed.

The warmest weather yesterday was in the South East, with Heathrow recording temperatures of 22C (72F). Today is expected to be slightly cooler, with a northerly breeze, but there should be sunshine in most areas.

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Police turn a deaf ear to carnival beat

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Caribbean temperament abhors silence, as nature abhors a vacuum. West London yesterday experienced its annual explosion of skull-numbing sound as the first day of the Notting Hill carnival took to the streets.

More than 8,000 police officers, some of them wearing ear plugs, were on hand to control a crowd expected to reach 400,000 by the end of the first day. Sixty officers carried four of the new types of baton the police want to introduce, as part of an experiment which has been in progress since June, but there was no evidence of them being wielded in anger.

By early evening, the police could report only three arrests. A sunny afternoon that was balmy rather than tropical kept crowds at about the same level as last year, and tempers in check during the procession of floats and steel and reggae bands.

During the day about 500 police were on the streets, the remainder discreetly out of sight. There was more concern over crowd safety than crime; in the days leading up to the event police distributed 150,000 leaflets warning of the dangers of crushing. By the time it all ends tonight, nearly one million people are expected to have turned out to watch.

Scotland Yard said crime was a declining problem at the carnival; last year 99 crimes were reported, compared with 1987 when there were 116 robberies and 274 thefts.

The carnival, which sprang from small beginnings in the 1960s as an antidote to race riots in the area, is becoming more commercialised. An innovation reminiscent of rock concerts is the official carnival T-shirt, priced at a hefty £12. However, sales appeared nowhere near as brisk as those of the traditional carnival accessories, a tin whistle and a balloon.

Tradition remains strong, even if steel bands are outnumbered by banks of loudspeakers occupying entire lorries. One abiding tradition is that the carnival, although originated by Trinidadians, should be multi-racial. The weirdest dresser seen yesterday was an elderly man in a skin-tight cerise jumpsuit. He was an Australian.

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Reforms offer membership and cash boost for Labour

BY PETER RIDDELL

■ A new poll identifies some clear gains to be made by John Smith's attempts to reform union membership of the Labour party

ONLY 7 per cent of trade union members say they would be certain to join the Labour party under the reduced payment scheme now being proposed by John Smith. This could, however, more than double the party's current membership, which is less than 250,000.

The finding, in the latest MORI poll for *The Times*, underlines both the difficulty faced by Labour in persuading union members to join the party, and the big financial potential if it succeeds even only partially. More than a half of union members say they are not very likely, or are certain not, to join Labour.

The poll also discloses that public fear of the power of unions has fallen sharply in the past few years. They have become much less of a bogey in the public mind after 14 years in which the number and impact of strikes has declined sharply, membership of unions has fallen by nearly a third and a succession of government measures has severely limited their rights and powers. The drive to expand Labour membership by recruiting union members is linked to Mr Smith's plans to try to introduce decision making on the basis of one member one vote at the party conference in a month's time. This would initially be used for the selection of parliamentary candidates and would overtake the system of union block votes. Reviving a mass membership is essential if the plan is to work.

MORI asked trade union members, just over a fifth of the total sample interviewed each month, about their attitudes to the plan to offer membership of the party at a reduced rate of £3 a year to trade union members who pay the political levy.

If the offer goes ahead, 7 per cent have said they would be certain to join Labour under the scheme. Since there are about 4 million people paying the political levy, this could mean up to 280,000 new party members.

A further 10 per cent of levy payers say they would be fairly likely to join the party, with another 10 per cent undecided. A quarter of all trade unionists say they are not very likely to join and a third say they are certain not to join; 4 per cent are already members and 11 per cent do not know or give no answer.

Four fifths of voters agreed that unions were essential to protect workers' interests and only one in ten disagreed. In the early 1980s only seven in ten agreed. More than nine out of ten union members agree, and so do 70 per cent of Tory supporters.

A more striking change has been in attitudes to the activities of unions. At the end of the 1970s more than two-thirds of the public, including well over a half of union members, believed most unions were controlled by extremists and militants. Now barely a third of the public, and only just over a quarter of union members, agrees with that proposition. The number disagreeing has doubled to 40 per cent.

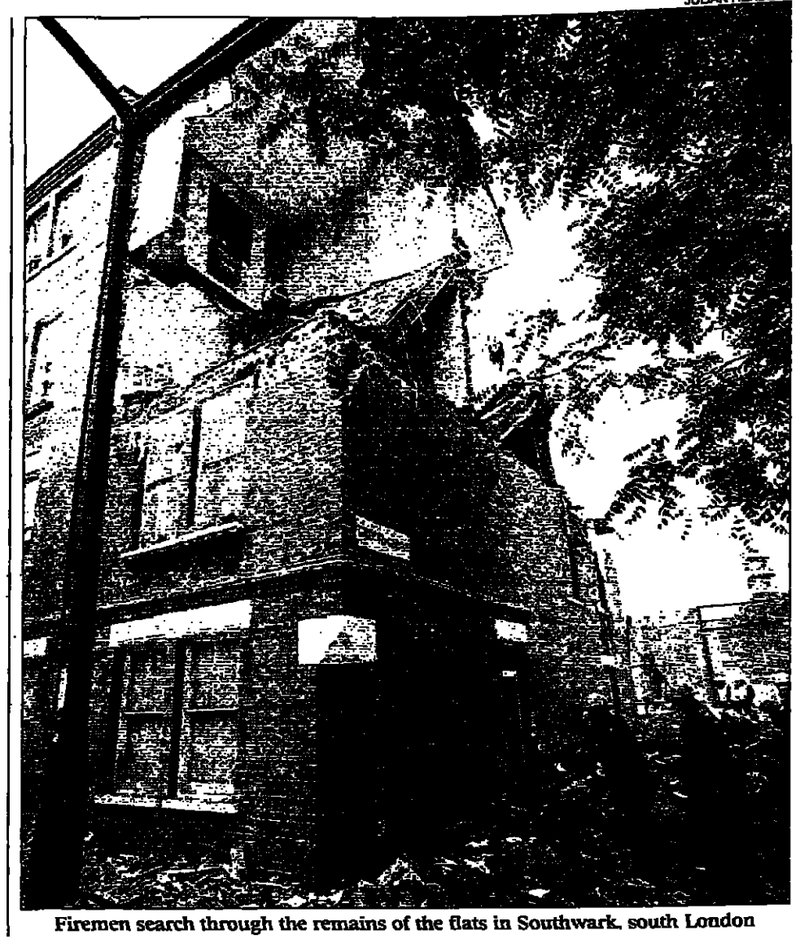
Similarly, the proportion agreeing that trade unions have too much power has declined from more than 80 per cent at the end of the 1970s to around a quarter today. The number disagreeing has risen from a sixth to well over a half. There has been a parallel decline in the proportion of union members agreeing, down from two-thirds to well under a fifth over the same period.

That still, however, means that a sizeable minority are worried about the unions. A half of Tory supporters still believe that most unions are controlled by extremists and militants.

□ MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,827 adults at 143 constituency sampling points across Britain, including 420 union members. Interviews were conducted from August 19 to 23. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population.

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JULIAN HERBERT



Firemen search through the remains of the flats in Southwark, south London

Four hurt in blast at flats

BY HELEN NOWICKA

THREE people were blown clear of a block of flats yesterday when a suspected gas explosion ripped through the four-storey building.

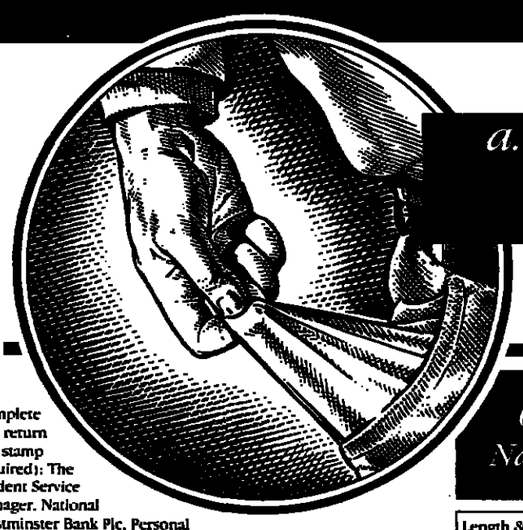
A 26-year-old man and a woman aged 30 were thrown from a third-floor flat in Southwark, south London, by the force of the blast. Another man aged 36 was flung into the grounds of a neighbouring garden centre. The three were treated for burns and head injuries.

A 60-year-old man who was walking past the flats at the time suffered 63 per cent burns and was last night said to be "very seriously ill".

Buildings half a mile away from the 12-flat block, owned by the Octavia Hill Housing Trust, were shaken by the force.

John McEwan, 35, who dug an injured man from the rubble, said: "People were wandering around aimlessly trying to find their relatives. Just as I grabbed a youngster from the corner of one room, the entire ceiling collapsed and the place fell like a pack of cards. Had it been a couple of seconds later he'd have been buried."

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British Association

Scientists advance cause of happiness

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITAIN's annual science jamboree opens today at Keele University in Staffordshire. The British Association for the Advancement of Science has called this year's meeting Science for Life, with health, medicine and human well-being as the themes of the conference.

The current president of the association, Sir David Weatherall, FRS, Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford, says that the prospects for medicine are more exciting than they ever were but that public attitudes are sceptical. "There's the feeling that high-tech medicine has been a failure and that the future lies with community medicine," he says. "Medical science is suffering from the same anti-scientific attitudes as the rest of science, and it couldn't come at a worse time, when the prospects are so bright."

William Waldegrave, the science minister, has promised to spend a day at the festival and to present a prize for a competition he half-humorously launched. He asked scientists to explain, on a single sheet of paper, why the Higgs boson was important, and why we should be prepared to spend millions of pounds searching for it. (The Higgs boson is a fundamental particle of matter, postulated but yet to be discovered.)

Sir David said that the British Association's efforts to stimulate enthusiasm for science were especially timely, coming hard on the heels of A-level figures that show fewer students wanting to study science.

He doubts that attempts by some universities to convert arts students into scientists will work. "It's quite a dicey experiment and I think it won't work," he said. "It would be better if students took a wider range of subjects."

The event has attracted the serious-minded and some of the more curious fringes of the scientific and technological world. Squeezed in between stands run by the Patent Office and the Economic and Social Research Council, a former student of the composer Karlheinz Stockhausen unveiled his futuristic computerised composition system, which uses an electronic brain and sensors to make music from people's movements.

Rolf Gehlhaar, a graduate of Yale University, said the device used eight ultrasonic sensors to pinpoint someone's position and speed. These triggered the computer to "compose" melodies and rhythms. Whether such technology will galvanise the residents of Keel and Stoke-on-Trent, the nearest main town, remains to be seen.

The association, which was established 160 years ago, meets this year in Staffordshire for the first time.

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Geologists strike oil in Ambridge

BY NICK NUTTALL

BRIAN Aldridge, of *The Archers*, might be well advised to mothball his tractor in favour of an oil rig.

According to scientists, huge oil and gas reserves could lie under his farm. Keele University geologists who have been researching what lies beneath Ambridge, the fictitious Midlands village where the BBC radio serial is set, say his land rests on Mercia mudstones and Sherwood sandstone, rocks making up many of Britain's oil and gas fields. The findings, to be disclosed at the British Association for the Advancement of Science's meeting at Keele, are based on the programme's scripts and computer mapping.

□ Norman Painting, who has played Phil Archer for 42 years, is recovering at home after having had open-heart surgery in July, it was disclosed yesterday. The *Archers* producers had arranged for Phil to go to Australia for a wedding.

Unknown Novello play found in box

BY JENNY KNIGHT

AN unknown play by Ivor Novello which was found last week in a box of old papers is to be exhibited next month as part of the centenary celebrations of his birth.

Lyn Penfold, who runs a communications firm in Littlewick Green, Berkshire, where the Welsh composer and dramatist lived, found the handwritten text of *Blood Royal* while searching through boxes of papers kept by his publishers, Samuel French, for the Ivor Novello Trust.

The play is thought to have been used by Novello, who died in 1951, to provide scenes for some of his popular stage hits.

Mrs Penfold said: "In a box found a lot of sheet music, ideas for plays and this play, all in his writing. *Blood Royal* is typical Novello, but without the music."

It has all the ingredients of a Novello extravaganza: the crown prince of a Ruritanian kingdom living in Paris, his mistress, an ageing father who wants him to succeed to the throne and a dangerous revolutionary.

Amanda Smith, a director of French's, said: "It is well known that Novello used some of his material to lift scenes for major productions, but we were unaware of this complete play."

Novello is best remembered for his song *Keep the Home Fires Burning*, published dur-

Town accused of witch-hunt against child abuse clinic

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

Efforts to treat men who sexually abuse children may be halted for a second time because of protests by nearby residents

PLANS for a clinic for child-sex offenders near a small rural town are being reconsidered after arson attacks and action to stop workmen delivering to the site.

Trustees of the Faithfull Foundation, which wants to treat "long-term seducers of children" in a former nursing home, are worried that local hostility will drive up costs to an unacceptable level.

The arson attacks on a hedge, garage and electricity pole at The Boynes, near Upton upon Severn, Hereford and Worcester, may lead to higher insurance premiums. A man in his forties has been charged in connection with one of the attacks.

Costs were also increased when protesters halted a delivery of huts to the site by blocking the lane outside for four hours, and persuaded a crane driver and workmen to turn back. Residents are worried about the safety of their children but the Faithfull Foundation claims there has been a hysterical reaction based on misinformation about the treatment.

The foundation, which is headed by Baroness Faithfull, has already had to abandon plans for a centre in Coventry because of two small arson attacks. Alan Gilmour, a spokesman, said it had approached the Home Office and health department about the difficulty of finding premises.

The trustees, who include Richard Monk, deputy chief constable of Devon and Cornwall police, and Frank Cook, Labour MP for Stockton North, are reviewing the future of the Upton project. "We have to consider how much we push up the costs and pay higher insurance premiums just to get into the building. Local people and businesses will not help us. It is back to medieval witch-hunts," Dr Gilmour, a former director of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said.

The Victorian building that the foundation wants to convert is set in five acres, one and a half miles from Upton upon Severn, which has a population of 2,300. It would house up to 26 men who would receive group and individual therapy in an effort to confront their behaviour as "long-term seducers of children". It would also have a centre for abused children and facilities for helping adults in families where abuse has occurred.

News of the proposals leaked out before the charity was able to hold discussions with the community. Many shops, hotels and pubs put up notices opposing the plan and 4,000 people signed a petition.

A silent vigil was held outside a local church after the Rev Anthony King said the men deserved a chance. "We present a microcosm of what is becoming a major moral problem of what to do with difficult people," he said. "We can't drown them all and we can't send them to the colonies any longer."

Andrew Perrins, chairman of the committee that is leading the protests, said: "I believe the foundation is doing good work in this field, but they have made an ill-judged choice of location."

Hometown hails U2, band with a conscience

FROM NICHOLAS WATT
IN DUBLIN



U2 caricatures from the Irish theatre group Magnas confront two traders in Moore Street, Dublin

STRETCH limousines with tinted glass windows have been snaking their way round Dublin's Georgian streets this weekend as the kings and queens of pop descended on Ireland for rock band U2's home-coming concerts at the end of their European Zooropa tour.

Absent fans, including President Clinton and B.B. King, sent messages to the Dublin-based band. Ireland is so proud of U2 that Dublin's broadsheet newspapers, normally devoted to Ulster's troubles and internal political wranglings, have set aside pages and whole sections chronicling the three Irish concerts given by "our boys".

In welcoming home the four members of the band, President Mary Robinson said their success had brought "honour to them and Ireland". On Saturday night Bono, the band's lead singer, delighted 40,000 fans as he strutted on the stage at Dublin's showground. To roars of approval Bono told Friday's audience that he would be sleeping in his own bed that night. He then made his customary amplified phone call to a mystery person which, in previous concerts, has roused presidents and prime ministers. Sporting red horns as the devilish MacPhisto, he chose to phone home and was promptly told by his four-year-old daughter not to come back until he had removed his horns.

U2's concerts, which run on the theme of the world as a global village and have included live satellite link-ups with Sarajevo, have been dismissed by some as "designer conscience". However, in his message, President Clinton described U2 as "passionate in their beliefs". Salman Rushdie said he owed them a debt of gratitude for inviting him on stage at their Wembley concert.

FUN Reebok NATIONAL THE TIMES RUN

Magician ready for magic day

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

TWO weeks ago, Roy Woodgate, 65, was the winner in his age group in the Great Wall of China Unicycle marathon. At the weekend he was giving magic shows in southern England. Soon he is off to Portugal for a canoeing marathon.

On September 26 he will be in a three-generation team with his son and grandson at the 2½ mile Reebok/*The Times* National Fun Run in Hyde Park. He has taken part in every national fun run since 1978, when he led a team of magicians. Mr Woodgate is looking forward to a relaxing, friendly jog. "It is a great day out," he said.

Unlike most unicycle marathons, the race in China was hilly—only 9 of the 90 starters completed the event.

☐ *For details of the fun run and entry form, send SAE to Reebok/The Times National Fun Run, PO Box 3460, London SE1 8RZ. Closing date: September 13.*



Woodgate: unicycle winner in China

NEWS IN BRIEF

Couple found stabbed

A man was found dead yesterday with his throat cut and a woman with severe knife wounds was being treated in hospital, police said.

The couple, both Africans and in their twenties, were found at a council flat in Camberwell, southeast London, where police also found a knife with a 6in blade. Both suffered multiple wounds. There were no signs of a break-in at the flat.

Man charged

Francis Marnell, 39, of Northolt, west London, was remanded in custody for four weeks by Ealing magistrates charged with the murder of Jean Bradley, 47, of Crowthorne, Berkshire, on March 25, in Acton, west London.

Police hurt

Six people were arrested and eight police officers injured in a disturbance on a council estate in Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan, following an investigation into a stolen car.

Girl run over

Stephanie Willis, 5, of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, was in a stable condition last night after falling out of her family's van and being run over by its rear wheels.

Newts saved

Planning permission for a multi-million-pound industrial estate in Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, has been refused because a colony of great crested newts lives on the site.

Boy assaulted

A 16-year-old youth on a shopping trip in London's West End was seriously assaulted at knife point by a man in public toilets in Hyde Park.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly premium bond draw are: £100,000, bond number 35HP 259593, winner from Reading (value of holding £5,000): £50,000, 5BB 876947, Lancaster (£8): £25,000, I7CL 599976, Nottinghamshire (£9,995).

Transplant girl Laura 'back to square one'

BY JENNY KNIGHT

LAURA Davies, who had a liver and bowel transplant last year, is critically ill in an American hospital following rejection of her transplanted small intestine. She may need a multiple organ transplant.

The five-year-old from Eccles, Greater Manchester, who was born with a perished bowel, faces a week of drugs treatment before doctors decide whether to replace her entire digestive system. A spokesman at the Children's multiple transplant — possibly including liver, small intestine, stomach, pancreas and kidneys — would be needed if the drugs did not improve the movement of her small intestine.

Her mother Fran, 27, said: "Laura is back to square one. There is a high risk of her not surviving the transplant." Mrs Davies and her husband Les, 42, who are staying in a rented house in Pittsburgh, again appealed for help in

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tion in Switzerland, where the Belgian Royal couple were great favourites.

Manufacturers rage as law lets counterfeiters prosper

By Michael Horsnell



Perfume on sale yesterday in Petticoat Lane, London

MANUFACTURERS are urging the government to plug a legal loophole which allows market traders to escape prosecution for selling counterfeit goods. They claim the fraud is costing them £1 billion a year.

Unprecedented levels of illegally copied branded products have appeared in street markets throughout Britain since an Appeal Court ruling in which a trader won an appeal against conviction on Trade Descriptions Act offences.

The main victims are fashion and sports manufacturers such as Reebok, Nike, Gucci and Armani. The watch makers *Rolex* are a particular target and even French champagne houses are finding their products reproduced.

The Kent trader involved in the Appeal Court ruling, who was caught selling copied sportswear and T-shirts, said a sign on his stall made it clear that the goods were "brand copies" and in May the court agreed that his disclaimer was sufficient to quash conviction.

The judgment has encouraged *the widespread use of* similar disclaimers on market stalls, and appalled police and *trading standards officers* who complain they have been left to fight the trade war with one hand tied behind their back.

Anthea Worsdall, secretary of the Anti-Counterfeiting Group which represents trademark owners, said: "The court ruling has threatened to become a charter for counterfeiters. The word has got about that 'brand copy' disclaimers are a useful get-out. *But there are other* legal provisions that can still be applied against illicit traders, *so they shouldn't think they* can get away with impunity."

The Institute of Trading Standards Administration, which represents trading standards officers, said that although disclaimers had allowed traders to slip through the legal net on Trade Descriptions Act charges, the 1988 Copyright, Designs and Patents Act empowered courts to order the seizure and destruction of offending goods. *Mike Wadsley, secretary of* the association's quality standards committee, said: "Prosecuting under other legislation is more complicated, but market traders should be left in no doubt — we shall still prosecute if they are selling counterfeit goods."

The manufacturers' group estimates that more than three million fake products, including perfumes, videos, computer games and toys, music cassettes, clothing, jewellery, drink and car parts, have been offered during the past year.

Only 10 per cent of these goods were seized from pirate manufacturers, market stalls, car boot sales, fly-pitches and empty High Street shops which had been occupied as *trading squats.*

The racket, which increasingly involves organised and sometimes violent crime, is also believed to have cost 100,000 jobs in British manufacturing and retailing.

Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, said yesterday that when Parliament resumed he would seek amendments to the law, prohibiting marking goods as "brand copies". Labour is to *launch an* anti-counterfeiting campaign in London today.

TED BATH



Ken and Patricia Boyes, of the Britannia Inn at Minehead, Somerset, believe they do not have a fair deal as landlords. They are among hundreds of pub landlords who have written to the European Commission in Brussels this weekend, complaining that a pub property group is driving them out of business.

Lawyers acting for them claim that Inntrepreneur, a joint venture between Grand Metropolitan and Courage should *not* be allowed a special exemption from EC competition rules. The deadline for objections falls today. The landlords hope that a flood of letters will persuade Brussels that they are not being given a fair deal.

EC rules prevent landlords being tied to one brewer but there is provision for exemption if the tied tenant enjoys advantages, such as low rents, not available to free-of-tie tenants. The protesting landlords deny they enjoy such advantages. Mrs Boyes, of the Inntrepreneur-owned Britannia Inn, claims that "this company has no compassion at all". Her rent had increased by £3,000 in 1991, when the inn's tie with Inntrepreneur was cut. Her rent now is £17,500 a year.

The pub landlords want their leases with Inntrepreneur redrafted. Mike Newman, for Inntrepreneur, insisted yesterday that the company was confident of its case. The pub landlords had entered freely into leases negotiated with the company, he said.

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Arctic explorers died close to help

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

THE men who died during Sir John Franklin's ill-fated *search for the Northwest Passage* around America in the mid-19th century came close to reaching safety, a new expedition to the Canadian Arctic has disclosed.

Dr Peter Wadhams, the expedition's leader, of the Scott Polar Research Institute at Cambridge, said yesterday that traces of a ship's boat found on Prince of Wales Island indicated that at least some of Franklin's 129 men had tried to escape in the boat. With greater luck they might have encountered an expedition sent to rescue them.

The boat, a 26ft whaler with a complete keel and many spars and planks, was found close to an Inuit summer hunting camp on the island. Nearby was a camp site marked by a circle of stones, probably used to stabilise a tent, and a hearth.

The boat *was* of a design similar to that used by the Royal Navy in the 19th century. If carbon-14 dating confirms the age, it will be certain that some at least of Franklin's men escaped northward after his two ships, HMS *Terror* and HMS *Erebus*, became trapped in the ice.

Neither Franklin's body, nor his ships, have been discovered. But the location of *the ship's boat shows just how* close to rescue some of his men may have come. Had they succeeded in passing the northeast tip of Prince of Wales Island, they would have entered Barrow Strait, the natural gateway to the Northwest Passage used by the search expeditions.

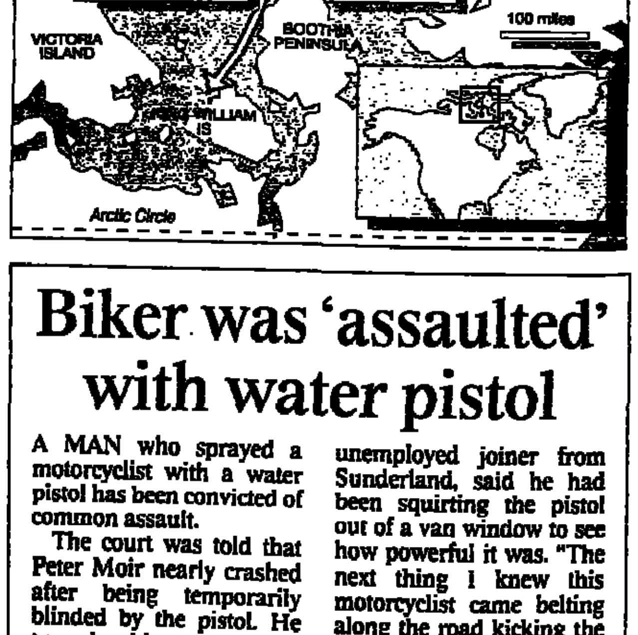
The timetable, believes Dr Wadhams, was as follows: Franklin and his men set out in 1845 and became trapped in September 1846. In June 1847 Franklin died, and in April 1848 his men abandoned the ships and began to march south across Prince of Wales Island. Cold, hunger and scurvy defeated them and they died on the march.

The discovery of the boat indicates, however, that at least part of the expedition met a different fate. Instead of marching south they set off to the north, perhaps hoping to reach a food cache they knew had been left on Somerset Island 20 years earlier, or to make their way to Barrow Strait and wait for rescue.

For some reason — perhaps a storm — they took refuge in Back Bay, where the boat was found. Here they may have been trapped by ice and forced to burn part of the boat to keep warm. Had they made it to the strait in 1848, they would probably have met the first rescue expedition.

Dr Wadhams does not believe, as was thought, that the men died from lead poisoning from the tinned rations they carried. Although bodies of expedition members disinterred in the 1980s *showed high levels of lead, it was no higher than in other* 19th century bodies and was not the cause of death.

"That was scurvy, exposure and hunger," Dr Wadhams said. "The island is a terrible place."



Biker was 'assaulted' with water pistol

A MAN who sprayed a motorcyclist with a water pistol has been convicted of common assault.

The court was told that Peter Moir nearly crashed after being temporarily blinded by the pistol. He turned his motorcycle around and drove the wrong way down a one-way street to catch the van. Then he went to a police station, still wet, to report the incident.

The range of the pump-action pistol was demonstrated by Michael Rose, for the prosecution, who fired it at a window in the magistrates' court in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

Keith Brettwood, 31, an unemployed joiner from Sunderland, said he had been squirting the pistol out of a van window to see how powerful it was. "The next thing I knew this motorcyclist came belting along the road kicking the van and demanding we pull over. I said it was an accident but he wasn't having any of it."

Magistrates adjourned sentencing until next month for reports because they considered the case "very serious". Brettwood's father, James, said afterwards that the case was a waste of public money. "If people consider these toy guns to be so dangerous why don't they ban them?"

How political debate can soothe the savage voter

Britain loves firm leadership but, writes David Hine, a more continental approach to thrashing out policy issues is needed

Factionalism in the Conservative party reached a remarkable new high last month when dissidents were frog-marched through the Commons in a confidence vote on Maastricht's social chapter. With no other card left, John Major faced them with the stark choice: fall into line on Europe, or face the responsibility of an election and a Labour government.

We witnessed a strikingly bitter and public game of "chicken". If a political party is an organism dedicated to winning power and arriving at effective and informed decisions once in office — without discrediting its leaders in the process — the Conservative party let itself down badly.

Moreover, hopes that dissidents, mellowed by holidays, would now declare a close season on factionalism and fall in behind a revitalised leader, have been disappointed. The sound of knives being sharpened on the Tory right fills the air. With the conference season approaching, and an autumn budget to follow, few would lay bets on Mr Major having an easy ride in the coming months.

Indeed, the struggle over taxation, spending and the PSBR is likely to dominate

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domestic politics well beyond the middle of the decade, especially in the absence of the warm glow of rapid economic growth. In the longer term, the prospects for party peace on Europe are no rosier. The Germans are preparing a new blueprint for integration that could make Westminster's skirmishes over Maastricht look like the phoney war. The EC's 1995 deadline for a new summit on political union will fall uncomfortably close to the next British general election.

The one comfort for the Conservatives, faced with an unmanageable agenda and a new generation of MPs socialised into a culture of party infighting and apparently lower penalties for speaking one's mind, is that Labour is likely to fare little better. The organisational battles of the past (the complex relationship between the left, unions, and the leadership), and the policy arguments over tax and spending, are still there, despite Neil Kinnock's formidable achievements in imposing order.

Does this necessarily mean that British political parties are becoming permanently less cohesive? In recent years the proliferation of named groups inside or alongside the parties — the Rank and File Co-ordinating Committee, Keep Left, Militant, No Turning Back, the Bruges Group, the Campaign for an Independent Britain — has seemed to indicate that such a shift is occurring.

However, what is happening needs to be pin-pointed with some care. Parties can be divided in different ways. Frequently, in continental parties, for example, conflict is about power rather than policy. To some degree this is what is happening in the Conservative party: the Thatcherites are being marginalised and are reacting.

In continental parties, however, the structural incentives inherent in the electoral system, or federal arrangements, provide a permanent pressure on individuals to join internal power groups. In Germany, for example, the power-base and prominence enjoyed by state minister-presidents against the Chancellor helps explain the complex pluralism of German Christian Democracy.

In Britain, there are fewer inbuilt structural incentives. On the contrary, parties have traditionally sought to reflect the centralised unitary state and the British preference for strong government, disciplined majorities and clear-cut choice in periodic general elections. Between elections, the fiction has it, the manifesto rules supreme. Thus when war does break out in British parties, it is between shifting issue-groups and tendencies, rather than strongly organised factions.

There is also a strong presumption against it. Disunited parties are discredited ones and thought less fit to govern. They should not show their internal arguments and even at party conferences — arenas which might be thought to be purpose-built for debate and argument — the emphasis (not always successful even for the Tories, as Lord Tebbit's extraordinary demagoguery showed last year) is on a show of unity. The parallel with the obsessive secrecy that still pervades the machinery of British government is striking.

But if British parties are, for the foreseeable future, to be more divided, and especially if they are divided over issues which cut across traditional lines of party division, could something good come out of a softening of the traditional prejudice against factions and tendencies? Certainly, where internal party debate can increase public understanding of the costs and benefits of particular mixes of taxation, borrowing and cutbacks, suppression of such debate in the name of party unity is not necessarily healthy.

In the controversial confidence debate on the social chapter last month, voters had a rare chance to see exposed a fundamental choice between priorities of the type that faces MPs regularly. The choices were between ratification with the social chapter, ratification with its exclusion, no ratification, or a general election. Is it such a bad thing that voters are from time to time reminded that their representatives face such choices?

Other European democracies are less embarrassed about conflicts. Turning an important issue into a vote of confidence when a government cannot otherwise push it through the legislature is regularly resorted to in France and Italy. In Britain, when real conflict is encountered, the result, as we saw for many agonising months over Maastricht, is stalemate and a desperate and eventually doomed effort to preserve the fiction of party unity.

The lines of policy conflict between British political parties were laid down in the class politics of the early years of this century. Today, those lines provide a poor guide to many key issues on the public agenda, one reason why party management is more difficult. Yet in linking the governors to the governed, our parties remain vital to parliamentary democracy.

It is desirable that the internal workings, and the complex processes by which they arrive at decisions, especially once in power, are understood and accepted by voters. If they are not, the periodic strain to which parties are subject will be misunderstood as party failure, not party adaptation. In the face of more volatile voting habits, the costs in terms of an alienated and disaffected electorate could become very high indeed.

☐ *David Hine is a fellow and tutor in politics at Christ Church, Oxford.*

BAD BOARD MANNERS

CALIPH al-Walid the First, shouting "Woe be unto you", cracked open a courtier's head for throwing a game in about AD 690; another caliph became the first person in history to knock the board over; and 1,000 years ago Ibn al-Mu'tazz wrote complaining of players swearing, squabbling and making excuses.

At Vienna in 1922, the former world champion Alexander Alekhine resigned spectacularly against Grumfeld by hurling his king across the room. The John McEnroe Award for bad behaviour at a tournament goes to a lesser-known Danish player, who lost as a result of fingerslip involving his queen. He sneaked back into the tournament hall at the dead of night and cut the heads off all the queens.

The Korchnoi-Petrosian world title eliminator in 1977 was billed as the Match of Hate; the organisers had to put a board under the table to stop the grandmasters kicking each other.

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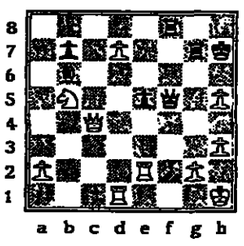
THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Speelman fighting

TITLE-holder Jon Speelman is fighting to retain his championship at the Lloyds Bank Masters which finishes today at London's Cumberland Hotel. In round eight Speelman could only draw with Budnikov and has, therefore, been caught up by grandmaster Tony Miles. One of the successes of this year's tournament was the brilliant queen sacrifice pulled off by Luke McShane, 9. I have given one diagram for the crisis and one where White resigned.

White: Mannion
Black: Luke McShane
Lloyds Bank Masters, London 1993



1		Qf1+
2	Rd1	Rd1+
3	Kh2	Bg1+
4	Kh1	Bf2+

White resigns



If 5 Kh2 Bg3 is checkmate. The Lloyds Bank Masters tournament, the strongest open competition in the country, has been running at London's Cumberland Hotel for the past week and a half.

Championship preview

On Friday September 3 on Channel 4 there will be a preview programme for the World Chess Championship featuring both Kasparov and Short, the opening shot in Channel 4's record-breaking 60 hours of coverage of The Times World Chess Championship. Not to be missed!

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The papers

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How the Vacancies Service works

The number of science courses in *The Times* Degree Vacancies Service is still growing. Although some of those listed last Thursday are now full, new vacancies reported by universities and colleges more than compensate.

Clearing begins officially tomorrow, but admissions officers have been making unofficial offers for several days. Popular courses will disappear rapidly from now on.

Some universities and colleges will be open this morning, in spite of the bank holiday. The remainder expect to do brisk business tomorrow. The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry.

Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two. An A grade at AS-level counts as five points, B four, C three, D two and E one.

Most new universities and colleges of higher education do not publish predicted entry requirements. Candidates with other qualifications should contact the university to establish course requirements.

The courses are listed under subject headings, and combined subject degrees may appear in more than one section. The UCCA and PCAS handbooks contain full details of each course.

Any applicants who were not offered a place by the end of last week will have been sent clearing instructions by the two admissions bodies. The clearing process is also open to new applicants. Neither UCCA nor PCAS allocates places, but both can be contacted in the event of problems with a clearing application. Enquiries about specific courses should be addressed directly to the university or college concerned.

Tomorrow the service returns to vacancies in engineering and technology.

● The *Times* listings are compiled from universities' own returns. Not all institutions are included because some provide information to the admissions bodies and official agencies only.

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Leeds: D224 (16), D220 (16)
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Glasgow: D820 (16), D860 (16), L130 (16)
Leicester: D946 (16)
Edinburgh: D200 (14), D206 (14)
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Reading: CC23 (14)

ANATOMY

Glasgow: B140 (16)
Wales, Cardiff: B141 (18)

APPLIED SCIENCE

Cranfield, RMCS: FG31 (12); FJ35 (12), GJ15 (12)

AQUACULTURE

Hull: C174 (18)
Glasgow: C174 (16)

ASTRONOMY

Glasgow: FG51 (16), FF35 (16)
London, UC: F500 (20), F502 (20), FF53 (20), FF5H (20), GF15 (24)
London, Queen Mary & West: F500 (8), F503 (12), FG51 (12)
Newcastle: F520 (10)
St Andrews: F520 (12), FFH5 (12), FF35 (12), FVMR (12), FFJ5 (12)
Leicester: G1F5 (14)
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ASTROPHYSICS

Newcastle: Y121 (10)
Leeds: F3F5 (10)
London, UC: F526 (20), F527 (20)
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UMIST: G1F5 (18)
Manchester: F364 (18)
York: F3F5
St Andrews: F520 (12), FFH5 (12), FF35 (12), FVMR (12), FFJ5 (12)
Leicester: F3F5 (20)
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Edinburgh: F526 (16)

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Kent: F1C1 (8), F1CC (8)
Newcastle: C700 (14), D850 (8)
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Reading: C700 (14), C750 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: C700 (16), C701 (16), C720 (16), C7C6 (16), BC17 (14), CF71 (12), C702 (4), C700 (10), C7N1 (10), C704 (12), CC47 (10), CC57 (10)
Wales, Bangor: C700, (12)
Surrey: C705, C700, C706, C720
Glasgow: C700 (16), CF76 (16), C720 (16)
Keele: CC17 (14)
Kent: C700 (8)
Nottingham: C770 (14)
Salford: C700 (16), FC17 (10)
UMIST: C700 (16), C7J8 (16), C7C6 (16), C7R2 (16), C722 (16)
Essex: C700 (10)
St Andrews: C700 (12), C7J8 (12), C7C5 (12)
Birmingham: C700 (18), C7C6 (18), C7J8 (18), C720 (18)
Leicester: C700 (20), C140 (20), C400 (20), C620 (20), C200 (20)

BIOLOGY

Bath: C100/C111 (16)
Chester Coll: C100 (4)
Edge Hill: C162
Leeds: C180 (14), C110 (16), CG11 (6), CC24 (16), CG14 (16), B150 (18)
London, Imperial: C110 (22), C100 (20)
London, King's: C101 (16), Y156 (16), CC16 (16), C650 (16), (C140 (16), B950 (16), B150 (20), CF11 (16)
Reading: C100 (14), C120 (14), C122 (14), C160 (14), C200 (14), C254 (14), D220 (12), D230 (12), D240 (12), D250 (12)
Salford: C100 (16), CF18 (10), CG15 (12), FC11 (10)
London, Queen Mary & West: C100 (10), C1N1 (12), CF11 (10), F1C1 (10), C172 (12)
London, Royal Holloway: C100 (14)
Kent: F1C1 (8), F1CC (8)
Wales, Bangor: C100 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: C100 (14), C144 (14), C160 (14), C174 (14), C1F9 (14), C946, C210
Durham: C100 (14)
Buckingham: MC39 (12), C100 (8), C8C1 (10)
Ulster: C102 (12), C100 (14)
Keele: CC17 (14), CF11 (12), CF13 (14), CF16 (14), CG11 (14), CG15 (14), CL18 (16), CN11 (16), LQ18 (16), CR11 (16), CR12 (16), CR18 (16), CW13 (16)
Hull: C100 (18), C160 (18), C174 (18), C1E7 (18)
UEA: C100 (12)
Glasgow: C304 (16), C140 (16)
Birmingham: C100 (18), C300 (18), J800 (18), C160 (18), C400 (18), C500 (18), C260 (18)
Leicester: C100 (16), C140 (16), CF171 (24)
Roehampton Inst: XC3C (10), CLC4 (12), CX13 (10), LC41 (12), GC5C (6), CG15 (6), FC9C (4), CN1R (4), CNC7 (4), CF19 (4), C120 (4), CN17 (4), NC71 (4), LC4C (4), CVC8 (4), CG11 (6), CF15 (6), FC8C (6)
St Mary's Coll: FC81, CQ15, GC11, CF11
York: C100, C101, C107, C110, C140

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Bradford: Y156 (14)

BIOPHYSICS

Leeds: C600 (14)
London, King's: C600 (16)

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Leeds: J800 (16)
London, Imperial: J800 (20), J801 (20), J802 (20), FJ18 (20), JF81 (20)
London, King's: J800 (16)
London, Royal Holloway: C624
London, UC: J800 (18)
Hull: C140 (18)
Swansea: J800 (14)
Surrey: C500
Nottingham: D8J8 (14)
UMIST: C7J8 (16)
St Andrews: C7J8 (12)
Leicester: CJ28 (16)
Strathclyde: J800 (18)

BOTANY

London, Royal Holloway: C200
Glasgow: D820 (16), C200 (16), D220 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: C200

CHEMISTRY

Bath: F100/F101 (14), CF61 (14)
Leeds: J800 (16), FF1C (18), FG15 (18), FV15 (18), FN11 (18), FJ15 (18), FG11 (18), FF13 (18), F100 (14), F176 (10)
London, Imperial: F100 (20), F146 (20), F115 (20), FC17 (20), CF71 (20), FJ18 (20), JF81 (20), F1N1 (20), F1NC (20), F147 (20)
London, King's: F146 (16), F152 (16), F180 (14), F1C7 (14), F1G5 (16), F1N1 (14), F1NC (16), F1ND (16), F1V5 (14)
London, UC: F112 (18), F100 (16), F1T2 (16), F1N1 (16), F1F2 (18), F1G1 (18), F126 (16)
London, Queen Mary & West: CF11 (10), CF71 (10), F100 (10), F1C1 (10), F1N1 (10), F334 (8), FF13 (8), FG11 (8), FR12 (10), FR1F (10)
Newcastle: F111 (14), F100 (14), F101 (14), FG11 (14), FF13 (14), FG14 (14)
Reading: F100 (12), F141 (12), F1G5 (12), F1L1 (12), F1V6 (12)
Salford: F110 (10), F100 (10), F105 (10), F101 (14), F102 (18), F103 (14), F106 (4), F140 (12), FL11 (10), FG11 (10), FF13 (10), FC17 (10), FC11 (10)
Kent: F105 (4), F127 (8), F100 (8), F146 (8), F1C1 (8), F1CC (8), F1F9 (8), F129 (8), F1N1 (8), F151 (8)
Bradford: F100 (6), F1B2 (8), F1N1 (8), F101 (6), F1NC (12)
Wales, Cardiff: CF71 (12), F100 (8), F101 (8), F110 (8), F160 (8), FF13 (14)
Wales, Bangor: F100 (4)
Durham: F100 (16)
Exeter: F100, F160, F101, F102
Hull: F1R1 (12), F184 (12), F166 (12), F130 (12), F100 (12)
Swansea: F100 (14)
Surrey: F105, F100, F103, F101, F104, F102, F10N1
Glasgow: F100 (16), F102 (16), FF16 (16), F103 (16)
UEA: F100 (10), F102 (22), F146 (14), F125 (10), FF19 (10), FG11 (10), F1N1 (10), F181 (10)
Manchester: FF16 (11), F100 (12), F101 (12), F1L4 (12), F170 (12), F1B3 (12), F102 (12)
Essex: F100 (8), F101 (8), F1N1 (8), F1B9 (8), F160 (8)
St Andrews: F100 (12), FF13 (12), F670 (12)
Leicester: F100 (24), CF71 (24), F101 (24), F1T9 (24), F103 (2)
Edinburgh: F100 (16), F140 (16)
St Mary's Coll: FQ15 (4), WFL1 (4), CF11 (4), VF11 (4), FF81 (4), FG11 (4)
Keele: CF11 (12)
Leicester: F100 (18) CF71 (12), F101 (18), F1T9 (18), F103 (4)

COMBINED SCIENCE

Newcastle: GH5F
Glasgow: Y100 (16)
Leicester: Y158 (18)
Strathclyde: Y100 (DD)

COMPUTER STUDIES

London, Royal Holloway: GG51
Liverpool: GH56, H651
Hull: G500 (18), GN51, GG15, G560, G530, GH56
Swansea: G500 (16)
Surrey: GG1M, GG15
Glasgow: G500 (16), GL58 (16), FG65 (16), CG85, CG45
Roehampton: CG15 (6), GC5C (6), GFG8 (6), GFG9 (6)

COMPUTING

Newcastle: G500, NG45 (16), FG35 (14), GG15 (14), GG45 (14), G530 (12)
Leeds: FG15 (18), FG35 (18), G500 (18)
London, UC: G500 (22), G5C8 (22), G5H6 (22)
Salford: G500 (14), G506 (14), CG15 (12)
UMIST: G510 (16), G560 (16), GQ51 (14), GR52 (14), GR51 (14)
London, Queen Mary & West: G1G5 (12), G500 (18), F3G5 (8), FG35 (16), G500 (18), G5N1 (18), GG15 (16), GG45 (16), GH5P (16)
Kent: GG15 (12), H610 (8)
Bradford: G500 (14), G521 (14)
Manchester: G500 (18), G502 (18), G506 (18), G520 (18), GG15 (18), GN54 (18), G532 (18), G533 (18), G570 (18), G580 (20), G581 (18).
Wales, Cardiff: GG15 (12), GG45 (12), G500 (16), G532 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: G500, GN54, GG15, GGC5, GGD5, GG45, G5T9
Wales, St David's: GR51 (10), GR52 (10)
Birmingham: G530 (18), G570 (18)
Leicester: G500 (12), G1G5 (20)
Durham: G500 (14)
Buckingham: C8G5 (10), G5N4 (6), G5LK (4), G5G1 (8), G5N1 (8), G5N2 (8)
Ulster: G545 (12), G510 (14), G902 (12), G502 (12), G500 (14)
Keele: CG75 (14), FG15 (14), FG35 (14), FG65 (14), GG45 (14), GH56 (14), GN51 (16), GR51 (16), RG85 (16)
Strathclyde: G500 (CCC), G5T9 (CCC), GN59 (CCC), GH56 (CCC), GG15 (CDD)
Goldsmiths: C895 (20)
City: G500 (16), H615 (16)

ECOLOGY

Newcastle: D970 (8)
London, Imperial: C900 (20)
London, Queen Mary & West: C900 (10)
Leicester: C900 (16)
York: C900

EDUCATION

Edge Hill: E2G1, E4G1, E2EX, E4EX
St Mark & St John Coll: E5Y1, E5W2, E5W2, E5W1, E7W2
St Mary's Coll: E747, E757, E758, E750, E752

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Edinburgh: V670 (18)
Leeds: F900 (16), F904 (12), F902 (14)
Newcastle: D206 (8)
Salford: F910 (16)
UMIST: F3F9 (12)
London, Queen Mary & West: F140 (10), F900 (16)
London, Royal Holloway: C160
Kent: F1F9 (8), F129 (8)
Buckingham: MC39 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: F900
Strathclyde: F900 (CCC)
Roehampton: LF49 (12), FC9C (4), CF19 (4), FN97 (4), FL94 (4), NF79 (4), FV98 (4), FF98 (6), GF59 (6), FW93 (6), FG91 (6)
St Mary's Coll: F900 (4)
Cranfield, Silsoe: N802
Leicester: C900 (20)

FOOD MARKETING SCIENCE

Cranfield (Silsoe): D450

FOOD SCIENCE

Nottingham: C560 (14), C770 (14), C400 (14)
Reading: D400 (12), D421 (12), D430 (12), D450 (12)Strathclyde: DC45 (18)

GENETICS

Leeds: CC24 (16), C400 (14)
Newcastle: C400 (16)
London, Queen Mary & West: C400, C4C5
Glasgow: C400 (16)
Leicester: C400 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: CC47 (10), D240 (12)
York: C400

GEOGRAPHY

Exeter: F800, F840
Glasgow: GL58, F800 (16), FF68 (16), F862
Roehampton: LN87 (6), FF98 (6), FL84 (6), FW83 (6), CF18 (6), FC8C (6), FG81 (6), GFG8 (6), FV88 (6)
St Andrews: F640
St Mary's Coll: FC81, FF81, GF18
Salford: CF18

GEOLOGY

Newcastle: D960 (8)
Leeds: F600 (14)
London, UC: F642 (15), F630 (15), F600 (15)
Glasgow: FF16 (16), FG65 (16), FF68 (16), F600 (16), F3F6 (16)
Manchester: FF16 (11), F600 (14), F670 (14), F630 (14)
Leicester: F600 (12), F610 (12), F670 (12), F640 (12)
Wales, Cardiff: F600 (10), F620 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: F600 (5), F910 (7)
Edinburgh: F600 (18), F650 (18)
Keele: CF16 (14), FF16 (14), FF36 (14), FG65 (14), FH66 (14), FL68 (14), FR61 (16), FR68 (16)
Leicester: F600 (12), F610 (12), F640 (12), F670 (12)

GEOPHYSICS

Newcastle: F650 (10), FHP2 (14), FFHP (14)
Leeds: F640 (14)
London, UC: F650 (15), F660 (15)
St Andrews: F640 (12)
Leicester: F640 (12)

HISTORY OF SCIENCE

Leeds: FV15 (18), FV35 (18)

HORTICULTURE

Nottingham: D250 (14)
Strathclyde: D250 (CD), D2N9 (CD)

IMMUNOLOGY

London, King's: CC79 (16), C920 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: C144 (14)
Strathclyde: CC59 (18)

MARINE STUDIES

London, Queen Mary & West: C172 (12)
Wales, Bangor: F140 (4)

MATERIALS SCIENCE

Leeds: J500 (14), FJ35 (18)

MATHEMATICS

Bath: G100 (20), G101 (20), G140 (20), G141 (20), G1E7 (20), G1ER (20), GG15 (20), GG51 (20)
Leeds: FG11 (18)
London, Imperial: G100 (22), G125 (22), G1F3 (22), G101 (22), G1N1 (22), G102 (22), G1G4
London, Goldsmiths: G140 (4), G141 (4), GG1M (4), G1G4 (4), G1GM (4), G1GK (4), G1G5 (4), GG14 (4), GG41 (4), CG81 (4), GG15 (4)
London, UC: F1G1 (18), G100 (24, G1T2 (24), G1L1 (24), G1F3 (24), GF15 (24), GF13 (24), GG14 (24)
Newcastle: G150 (14), G151 (12), G100 (16), GG14 (14), NG41 (16), FG11 (14), FG31 (14), GG15 (14), GH12 (14)
Salford: CG91 (12), G100 (14) GG51, FG11 (10)
UMIST: G100 (18), G434 (18), GG15 (18), GRC1 (18), GRC2 (18), GN11 (18), G1R4 (18), G1F5 (18), GF13 (18)
York: G1F3, GF13, G100, G101
London, Queen Mary & West: FG11 (8), FG31 (8), FG51 (12), G100 (12), G110 (12), G120 (12), G130 (8), G150 (8), G1G5 (12), G1N1 (12), GF15 (12), GG15 (12), GG41 (12), J920 (12), J922 (12)
Kent: GNC4 (14), GLC1 (12), G100 (12), G1N1 (12), GG15 (12)
Leicester: G102 (14), G100 (14), G1F5 (14), G1G5 (14)
London, King's: FF35 (16), FG11 (16), FG31 (16), G100 (18), GG15 (16), GN11 (16)
London, Royal Holloway: G100 (16), G1G4 (16), G1LC (16), G1N2 (16), GF13 (16), GG51 (16)
Bradford: G100 (10), GG14 (10), G1V7 (10), G1N1 (10)
Wales, Cardiff: FG31 (14), FG3C (14), G100 (12), G110 (10), G111 (10), GG15 (12)
Wales, Bangor: G100 (6)
Wales, Aberystwyth: GL11 (14), GN14 (18), G100 (14), G120 (14), G102, GGC5, GGD5
Exeter: G100, G107, G130, GG04
Hull: G100 (12), G120 (12), G1R1 (12), G1R2 (12), G1R4 (12), GG15
Swansea: G120 (14)
Surrey: G105, G101, G102, GG1K, *GG1L, GG1M, GG15*
Glasgow: FG51 (16), G100 (16), GG15 (16), NG11 (16), GV1R (16), GG14 (16), FG41 (16)
UEA: G100 (12), FG11 (10)
Manchester: G100 (18), GV17 (18), G101 (18), G103 (24)
Essex: G100 (10), GG14 (10), GG15 (10), G4L1 (10)
Birmingham: G100 (18), GG15 (18)
Leicester: G102 (14), G100 (14), G1F5 (14), G1G5 (14)
Ulster: G902 (12)
Edinburgh: G100 (18), GG14 (18)
Keele: CG11 (14), FG11 (12), FG31 (12), GH16 (14), GL11 (16), GN11 (16), GR11 (18)
Strathclyde: G100 (CDD), G150 (CDD), GG15 (CDD), G1L1 (CDD), GH13 (CDD), G1T9 (CDD)
Roehampton: CG11 (6), FG81 (6), GC1C (6), GW13 (6), FG91 (6)
St Mary's Coll: GW14, GC11, FG11
Reading: G100 (18), G152 (14), GG15 (18), GL11 (18)

MEDICAL SCIENCE

Newcastle: F126 (14)
London, Queen Mary & West: A108 (18)
Bradford: Y156 (14)
Glasgow: F103 (16), B166 (16), C920 (16), C720 (16), C340 (16)
Ulster: B940 (14)

MICROBIOLOGY

Leeds: CC57 (16)
London, Imperial: C500 (20)
London, King's: C500 (16) CC57 (16)
Nottingham: C560
London, Queen Mary & West: C4C5 (10), C7C5 (10)
Kent: C500 (8)
Surrey: C505, C500, C502, C540
Glasgow: C620
St Andrews: C7C5 (12)
Leicester: C500 (12), C501 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: C165 (14), C500 (14), CC57 (10), CC35 (14)
Reading: C500 (14)
Strathclyde: CC59 (CCC), C510 (CCC), DC45 (18)

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Leeds: C7C6 (16), C250 (14)
London, King's: C620 (16)
Newcastle: C620
London, Queen Mary & West: C620 (10)
London, UC: C620 (18)
Hull: C140 (18)
Surrey: C620
Leicester: C620 (16)

NEUROSCIENCE

Glasgow: B172 (16)
London, UC: B172 (18)
Wales, Cardiff: B172 (18), B173 (18)

NURSING

London, King's: B700 (18)

NUTRITION

London, King's: B400 (16)
Surrey: B405, B400, B401
Ulster: B400 (14)

OCEANOGRAPHY

Wales, Bangor: F646 (14), F700 (14)

OPTOMETRY

UMIST: B500

PHARMACOLOGY

Leeds: B200 (14), BB12 (16)
London, King's: BC27 (16), B200 (16), B220 (16), BB12 (16)
London School of Pharm: B220 (18)
Glasgow: B200 (16)

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

London, UC: Y160 (16)

PHYSICS

Bath: F300 (8), F311 (6), F340 (6), F341 (6), F3E7 (6), F3G5 (6), F3GM (6)
Kent: F300 (8), F3F5 (8), F365 (8), F361 (8)
Leeds: FF13 (18), FG35 (18), FJ35 (18), FG31 (18), F300 (10), F3F5 (10), F3H6 (10), FV35 (18)
London, Imperial: F300 (24), F303 (24), F325 (24)
London, UC: FF53 (20), FF5H (20), G1F3 (24), GF13 (24), F300 (20), F303 (20), F310 (20), F313 (20), F3T2 (20), F370 (20), F365 (20), F366 (20), F654 (20)
Newcastle: F300 (10), F301 (10), F370 (10), F370 (10), FF13 (14), FG35 (14), FG31 (14), FHH2 (14)
Reading: F300 (12), F304 (4), F305 (8), F340 (12)
Salford: F314/F343, F303/F300 (8), F376/F375 (8), F305 (8), F354/F355 (8), F367/F368 (8), F3TK/F3T4 (8), F3RC/F3R (8), F3R2/F3RF (8), F3R8/F3RV (8), FF13 (10)
UMIST: F300 (12), F3F9 (12), F356 (12), F368 (12), F376 (12), F3R1 (12), F3R2 (12), GF13 (18)
York: F376, F377, F3F5, G1F3, GF13, F303, F321, F375, F300, F320
London, Queen Mary & West: F300 (8), F303 (12), F323 (12), F320 (8), F334 (8), F374 (8), F3G5 (8), F386 (8), FF12 (8), FF23 (8), FG31 (12), FG35 (15), F3N1 (10), F1N1 (8)
Kent: F305 (4), F300 (8), F3F5 (8), F365 (8), F361 (8)
London, Royal Holloway: GF13 (14), F300 (14), F3N1 (14), F3F5 (14), F314 (14)
Exeter: F300, F301, F370, F348, F320, F321
Hull: F310 (14), F314 (14), F366 (12), F370 (14), F354 (12)
UEA: F300 (10)
Swansea: F300 (12)
Surrey: F305, F300, F354, F370, F388, F3N1
Glasgow: F334 (16), F300 (16), FF35 (16), FHH6 (16), F3F6 (16), FG41 (16), F350 (16)
Manchester: F300 (18), F301 (18), F303 (18), F325 (18), F361 (18), F364 (18), FF36 (18), FG31 (18)
Essex: F300 (10), F301 (10), F303 (10), F310 (10), F312 (10), F313 (10), *F366 (10), F367 (10)*, F320 (10), F322 (10), F323 (10), F3N1 (8)
St Andrews: FF13 (12), FH3P (12), FF35 (12), FFJ5 (12), F300 (12), FV3R (12)
Birmingham: F300 (12), F320 (12), F340 (12), F3F5 (12)
Wales, Cardiff: F300 (12), F3F5 (12), F370 (12), F320 (12), F348 (12), F303 (12), FF13 (14), FG31 (14), FG3C (14)
Wales, Aberystwyth: F301, F300 (8), F340 (8), F363 (8), F364 (8), F3N1 (18), FN34 (18), F302 (4), F303 (8), F365 (8), F366 (8)
Edinburgh: F334 (16), F300 (16), F376 (16)
Keele: CF13 (14), CF73 (12), FF13 (12), FF36 (14), FG31 (12), FG35 (14), FH36 (12), FL31 (14), FN31 (14), FR31 (16)
Strathclyde: F300 (CD), F310 (CD), F368 (CD)
Leeds: F300 (10), F3H5 (10), F3H6 (10), FV35 (18)
London, King's: F300 (16), F305 (16), F350 (16), F370 (16), F3F5 (16), F3G5 (16), F3N1 (16), F3R1 (16), F3V5 (16), FF13 (16)

PHYSIOLOGY

Leeds: B100 (18)
London, King's: BC17 (16), B100 (16), BB12 (16)
Salford: CG91 (12)
Glasgow: B100 (16), BC18 (16)
Wales, Cardiff: BC17 (14), B100 (16)
London, UC: B100 (16), BB12 (22)
York: C952

PLANT SCIENCE

Newcastle: C260 (8), D240 (8)
London, Imperial: C200 (20)
Nottingham: D240 (14), D820 (14)
Leicester: C200
Wales, Aberystwyth: C252 (14), C210 (2)

PODIATRY

London, UC: B985 (18)
La Sainte Union Coll: B985 (12)

PSYCHOLOGY

London, Goldsmiths': C895 (20), CG81 (8)
Wales, Bangor: C802 (18)
Glasgow: CG85 (16), BC18 (16)
Buckingham: C8N1 (12), C8G5 (10), C8C1 (10)
Reading: C881 (16)

RADIOGRAPHY

Cranfield, RMCS: B810 (10), B820 (10)
London, King's: B800 (16)

STATISTICS

Leeds: CG14 (16)
London, Imperial: G1G4 (22)
London, UC: GG14 (24), G400 (20), Y624 (20), Y625 (20), G4T2 (20)
Newcastle: GG14 (14), G400 (14), NG44 (16), FG14 (14), GG45 (14), GH42 (14)
London, Queen Mary & West: G400 (12), G1A1 (18), GG45 (16), GL41 (18)
London, Royal Holloway: G1G4
Bradford: GG14 (10)
Exeter: GGD4, G434, GGK5, L143, L142, L141, L144
Hull: G430 (12)
Surrey: GG1K, GG1L
Glasgow: GG45 (16), GG14 (16), G400 (16)
Wales, Cardiff: GG45 (12), G420 (12), G421 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: G400 (14)
Ulster: G902 (12)
Edinburgh: GG14 (18)
Strathclyde: G400 (CDD)
Reading: G400 (14)

SURVEYING

Newcastle: FHP2 (14), GH12 (14), FHH2 (14), GH42 (14)

ZOOLOGY

Leeds: C300 (14)
London, Imperial: C300 (20)
Newcastle: D830 (8), D220 (8)
London, Queen Mary & West: C300 (10)
London, Royal Holloway: C300 (14)
Glasgow: C300 (16)
Leicester: C300 (20)
Wales, Aberystwyth: C300 (14), CC35 (14)
Reading: C300 (14), C310 (14), CC23 (14)

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Croat and Muslim troops poised for more action as delegates prepare to resume talks

Shape of mini-states keeps Bosnia factions divided

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN SPLIT

■ With all three sides in Bosnia unhappy about the proposed carve-up of land, many believe only soldiers will resolve the issue

BOSNIA'S three warring factions may be making encouraging sounds before the resumption of peace talks in Geneva tomorrow, but there is no sign of any let-up in the desperate grab for land that has characterised the 18-month conflict.

Although Croats, Muslims and Serbs all accept division of the former Yugoslav republic into three ethnic mini-states, none of the parties is satisfied with its share of the country, which envisages the Serbs holding more than 52 per cent, the Muslims 30 per cent and the Croats 18 per cent. So far the only map that has emerged from the negotiations is an A4 chart with demarcation lines so vague that they render the document practically useless in a country where every hillside, village, stream and road is hotly contested.

The clearest evidence that the war has not yet run its course can be found on the various active fronts where Muslim and Croat fighters are engaged in daily exchanges of fire.

One flashpoint is the central Bosnian town of Gornji Vakuf, patrolled by British peacekeepers and the scene of intense fighting over the past few weeks. Both sides are known to have reinforced their positions with additional infantry and artillery, with the Muslims hoping to capitalise on their victories earlier this summer with another assault that would wipe out the remaining pockets of Croat resistance in the town and then threaten the strategic Croat-held Makljen ridge.

The Muslims are also continuing to harass the Croat-held pockets in Vitez and Kiseljak, where about 80,000 villagers and refugees are cut off by enemy forces.

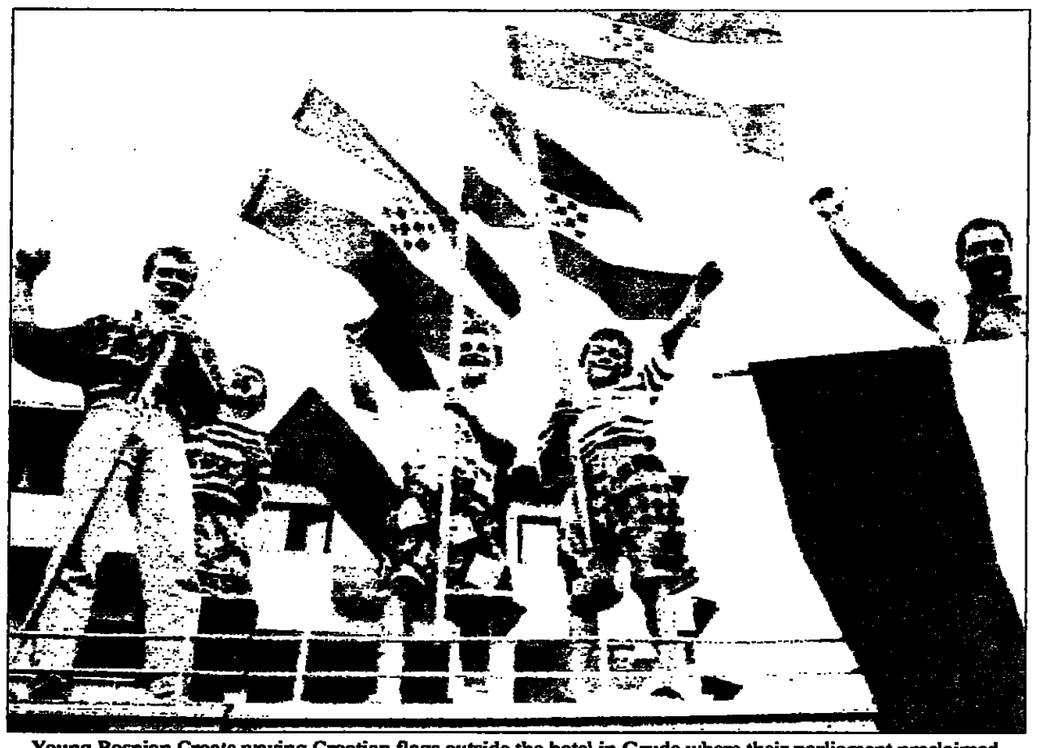
For their part, the Croats are expected to step up their fierce siege of the eastern half of Mostar, the capital of the self-styled Croat mini-state, where about 55,000 Muslims are trapped in the city's old Ottoman quarter. Although the Bosnian Croat militia, the HVO, has curtailed its operations because of the continued presence of a United Nations convoy held hostage by Muslim inhabitants, it is widely expected that a fresh offensive will begin once the UN personnel have negotiated their departure.

The only party, for the time being, which does not appear to be contemplating a military campaign is the Bosnian Serb leadership, whose authority already extends to 70 per cent of the country and which faces a greater threat from within its own ranks from those opposed to relinquishing nearly 20 per cent of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Ivo Zivkovitz, a Bosnian Croat leader attending this weekend's meeting of the Bosnian Croat assembly at the southwestern town of Grude, where the Croat republic of Herzeg-Bosna was proclaimed, spoke for many Bosnians of all ethnic backgrounds when he declared that soldiers, rather than politicians, would ultimately decide the fate of the country.

"This is a war situation, where troops and military equipment count for more than words or rhetoric," said the Croat delegate. "The army is ready to assert itself, if no political settlement can be found."

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Young Bosnian Croats waving Croatian flags outside the hotel in Grude where their parliament proclaimed the ethnic republic of Herzeg-Bosna, although it left its borders undecided pending further talks in Geneva



Professional aid teams decry work of the amateurs

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MEDUGORJE

DRIVE along any of Bosnia's treacherous roads and it is usually only a matter of time before the sight of a tired jalopy plastered with foreign aid stickers comes into sight.

More than probably any other modern conflict, the war in this former Yugoslav republic has attracted more aid workers, charities and individual volunteers all intent on doing good, but with vastly varying degrees of success.

"This place is swarming with amateurs trying to help, or trying to get free publicity, but they generally cause more problems than they solve," said one veteran United Nations official. "We would all be much better off if the job was left to the professionals." His attitude, which reflects the view held by many of the large international relief agencies, was highlighted last week when Sally Becker, a British artist from Brighton, successfully evacuated five injured children from the besieged Muslim half of the city of Mostar.



Becker: success upset large relief agencies

Driving a borrowed London ambulance and with only journalists to accompany her, she negotiated her own ceasefire between warring Muslim and Croat fighters and crossed frontline positions.

Her success was particularly galling for the UN since its own relief efforts, at the same time and in the same city, had ended in disaster. More than 50 UN Spanish peacekeepers were still being prevented from leaving Mostar yesterday, by angry locals. In one memorable episode last week, senior UN officials tried to negotiate their way out of the city by attempting to link their departure to that of the wounded children.

"It was extraordinary," Ms Becker said. "One day they did not want to know who I was, the next they were offering me use of their ambulance and helicopters to help get the children out ... It was obvious why they were being so helpful."

Ms Becker, who hopes to return to Mostar to evacuate more wounded and carry out a similar mission for injured Croat children trapped in central Bosnia-Herzegovina, admits that she is an exception to the rule.

Croatia's airport terminals and hotel lobbies are full of well-meaning amateurs: mostly from the West, they have collected food, clothing or sometimes just petitions from their home towns to help ease the suffering in Bosnia, without realising the dangers of operating in a war zone. Several aid workers have been killed, either caught in crossfire or murdered and robbed, and many of the Jeeps used by Bosnia's militias are easily recognisable as aid vehicles, stolen from luckless groups unable to protect themselves.

Another pitfall facing first-time volunteers is mastering the ability of staying neutral, in a conflict where atrocities are common and where rival groups are quick to capitalise on publicity. Recently two former British aid workers for Save the Children admitted that they had used the charity's vehicle to ferry arms, ammunition and fighters for Muslims encircled in the central Bosnian town of Vitez.

The announcement may have had something to do with the murder in the same area by Bosnian Croats of a local official of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. "It only takes one irresponsible person to jeopardise the whole operation for everyone else," an angry colleague said



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Arafat gamble pays off as Israelis push Gaza deal



Peres yesterday: met PLO official in Scandinavia

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

■ Yassir Arafat's moderate line and Israeli willingness to talk more or less directly to the PLO have raised the prospect of peace in the Middle East. Significant obstacles remain

HOPES are rising in the Middle East and in Western capitals that after ten rounds of peace talks, a breakthrough is finally in sight. For separate reasons, pressures on the Israeli government and on the Palestinian leadership are pushing them to make the compromises needed to achieve agreement tomorrow when they meet again for an eleventh round of talks in Washington.

The near revolt against Yassir Arafat's leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation has made it essential for the veteran leader to take a bold stand if he is to retain the initiative over his critics. An Israeli agreement to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and Jericho would enable Mr Arafat to show rejectionists that his moderate line has won the first Israeli territorial concessions made to the Palestinians since the state of Israel was created in 1948. Mr Arafat appears to have emerged strengthened from the crucial two-day emergency meeting of the PLO executive committee in Tunis, which ended on Saturday. One radical critic, Taysir Khaled, conceded that Mr Arafat had "some receptiveness to the attitudes of the opposition," while maintaining his criticism of the Gaza-Jericho withdrawal proposals.

Mr Arafat had come under criticism from the official Palestinian negotiators, as well as from dissident militants who accused him of making too many concessions to the Israelis. Over the weekend, however, he won a diplomatic coup as the Israelis were willing to look officially at the proposals he put forward for a limited withdrawal as the first step to a settlement. This was reinforced by the readiness of the Israelis to negotiate more or less directly with Palestinians openly affiliated to the PLO.

On the Palestinian side, many obstacles remain. Initial euphoria over indications of Israeli flexibility were quickly dashed by complaints from the negotiating team, voiced by Saeb Erekat, its deputy leader, that the Israeli plan was too limited and that not enough forces would be withdrawn.

The big challenge for Mr Arafat is to come off the fence and show the Israelis that he can make a deal in the teeth of criticism from rivals and hardliners within the PLO. The pressure on the Palestinians from other Arab countries has been intense. Jordan is impatient about the delay as it has negotiated a peace treaty which it has held back only so as not to be seen making separate peace before the Palestinians. King Husain recently spoke in London of Jordanian impatience for a treaty that would open "immense" opportunities for political and economic co-operation with Israel.

Syria is also keen to show tangible progress from the talks with Israel. President Assad has taken a hard line publicly with Israel on the return of the Golan Heights, but seems to realise that the Israeli willingness to accept Syrian sovereignty over all the area captured in 1967 might not survive a long period of haggling. The Syrian leader, praised by the Americans for his "restraint" after the Israeli attack on Hezbollah bases in southern Lebanon, needs to show a sceptical public that his volte-face over an accommodation after years of hostility does not undercut Syrian interests. All Arab countries are, however, reluctant to sign any deal that could be portrayed as a "separate peace", the stigma that cost Egypt more than a decade of ostracism from the Arab world after the Camp David agreement. They are privately urging the Palestinians to take the offer now on the table.

On the Israeli side, public expectations of a breakthrough have been fuelled by the news that Shimon Peres, the foreign minister, secretly met a senior PLO official last week in Scandinavia and briefed Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, on Friday. The government of Yitzhak Rabin, elected on a promise of being able to deliver a peace agreement within months, has come under increasing attack from the right for failure to show any curb on violence in the occupied territories or reward for Israel's firmer line against the settlers and concessions to the Palestinians, including a phased return of those expelled to southern Lebanon last year.

Yitzhak Shamir, former prime minister, has accused Mr Rabin of rushing to give away land, and has called for a general election. Given the precarious support for the coalition government, Mr Rabin needs a diplomatic coup to reassure public opinion that a peace agreement can be salvaged from talks that have now been going on for two years and which have not led to greater security of Israel's borders or reduction in West Bank violence.

The recent visits to the region of Mr Christopher and Dennis Ross, the Clinton administration's special Middle East adviser, have convinced the Arabs and the Israelis that Washington is as determined as the previous administration to keep the momentum going, and that neither side will gain by trying to renegotiate the framework for the talks.

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Clinton goes to work with health care top priority

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton felt the same as most people when his holiday came to an end yesterday: he wished he could take another week off. For the first time in four years, he discovered the delights of relaxing with his family during an 11-day sojourn on Martha's Vineyard.

Back in the Oval Office today, Mr Clinton takes up an ambitious agenda that includes overhauling health care, making the government less wasteful and winning approval for the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) which would unite the United States, Canada and Mexico in the world's biggest free trade zone.

Republican critics of the health-care package contend that many small businesses will be crushed by a proposal that employers must pay towards health insurance for their workers. The prospect of job losses has been confirmed even within the White House, according to this week's *Time* magazine, which reports that a computer projection by the administration shows that the plan would slow down employment growth by as many as one million jobs over the next five years. Mr Clinton had insisted that health-care reform will "boost job creation".

Jobs are also a key issue in the dispute over Nafta with fears that American employers will move to Mexico where labour is cheaper. The Nafta problems awaiting Mr Clinton were further complicated this weekend when David Bonior, majority whip and third-ranking Democrat in the House of Representatives, announced that he would put all the power of the whip's office behind organising opposition to passage of the pact in Congress.

Mr Clinton, who can expect Republican support on Nafta, is hoping to emphasise its importance by assembling all five living former presidents as supporters when he begins his push for the treaty in mid-September. The five — Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon, George Bush (all Republicans) and Jimmy Carter (Democrat) — are said to be agreeable, but finding a day when all their diaries are clear is proving tricky.

The third leg of Mr Clinton's autumn agenda, called "reinventing government", is expected to provoke strong opposition from federal bureaucrats and lobbyists who deal with them. It will force government agencies to compete with private businesses in providing many services.

Mr Clinton has told friends his holiday has rejuvenated him physically and mentally and he is ready for the hard road ahead, even though he would like to spend a few more days on Martha's Vineyard. "I'm a little spoiled now," he said, and even ruminated about buying a house on the island, seven miles off the coast of Massachusetts, but was unsure he could afford to.

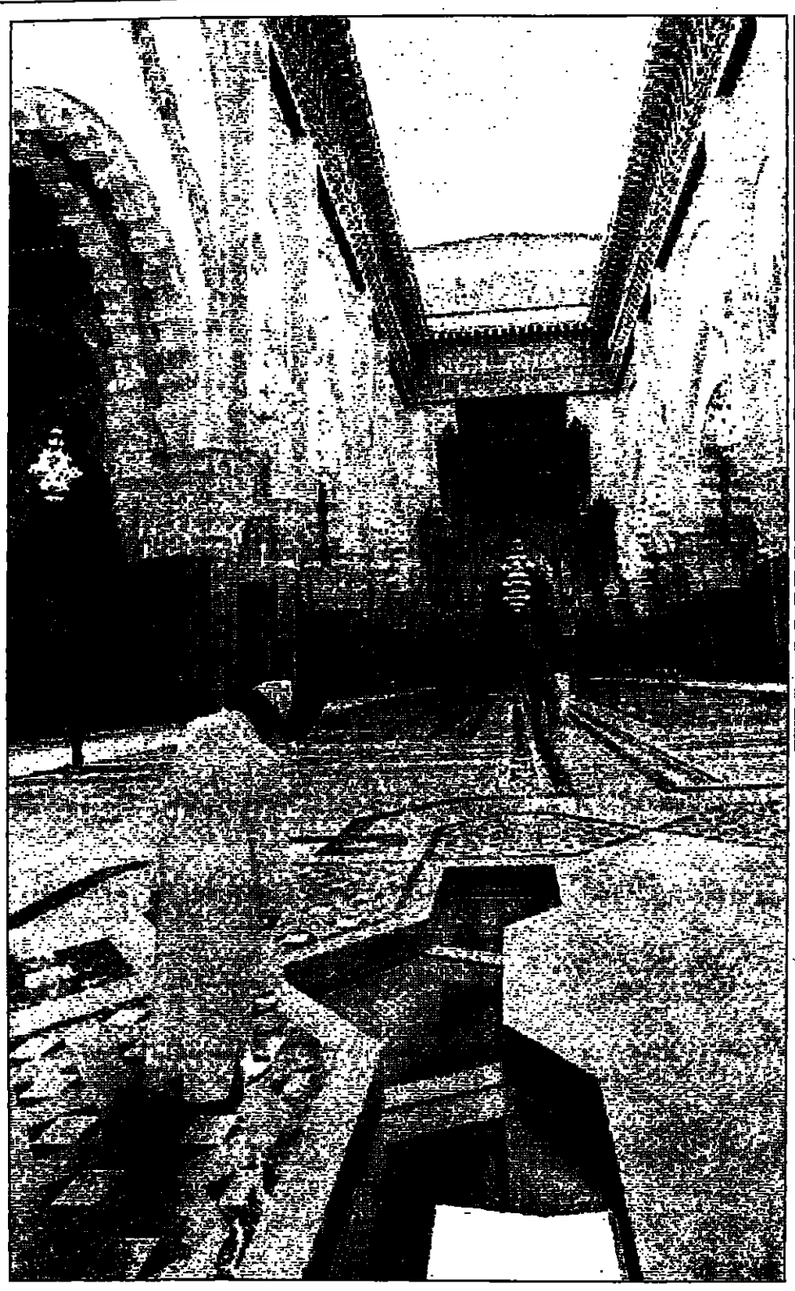
Americans have seen a new side of the Clintons as the family enjoyed everything the island has to offer from golf to sailing, horseback riding, jogging, canoeing, browsing for books and dinner out every night, either in restaurants or in the private homes of such well-to-do islanders as Katharine Graham, chairman of the Washington Post Company.

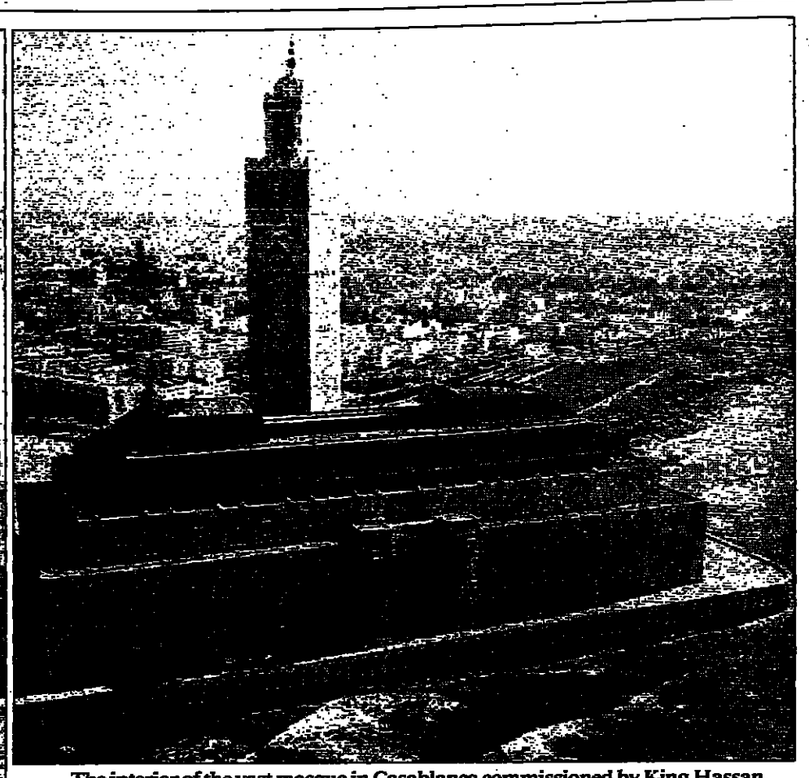
Mr Clinton was even more unpunctual on holiday than usual. He kept Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis waiting 90 minutes before arriving for a cruise on her companion's yacht. There have been glimpses of affection between Mr Clinton and his wife away from the stresses of Washington. They were spotted hugging during a moonlit sail and Hillary Clinton was seen patting the presidential bottom during a round of golf.

Kennedy theory undermined

A COLLABORATIVE investigation by *Newsweek* magazine, *The Washington Post* and CBS News into the 800,000 pages of John F. Kennedy assassination records made public last week has failed to support any of the sinister conspiracy theories surrounding the president's death in Dallas 30 years ago.

The project found that officials at the CIA and FBI withheld evidence to conceal their own mistakes, but probably not to cover up a murder plot. The FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover, lied to the Warren Commission that his bureau had no warning that Lee Harvey Oswald, the president's assassin, was dangerous.





The interior of the vast mosque in Casablanca commissioned by King Hassan. With some foundations standing in the Atlantic, the structure appears to float

Hassan's treasure on earth

BY MICHAEL BINYON

KING Hassan II of Morocco today dedicates what is planned to be the world's largest mosque outside Mecca and Medina. At a cost of five million dirhams, (£357 million), the Casablanca mosque has taken six years to build and is meant to be a modern wonder of the Islamic world, symbolising the tolerance of the faith.

The mosque, designed by French architect Michel Pinseau in traditional Moorish style, can hold 25,000 worshippers inside its main hall, with another 75,000 outside. Covering five hectares, it stands with some of its foundations in the Atlantic, giving those inside the impression that it is floating. It is large enough to accommodate the whole of St Peter's of Rome inside. Its marble minaret, at 656ft, is taller than any other in the world. A laser beam on the top illuminates the sky for 20 miles in the direction of Mecca. Inside, the mosque is equipped with sophisticated electronics, fire-fighting equipment and public address systems.

King Hassan, inaugurating the building on the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad, has used the mosque to demonstrate the stability of his own regime as well as reaffirming his commitment to Islam at a time of growing fundamentalist pressure throughout north Africa. It took 35,000 workers some 50 million man-hours to complete the building. The mosque has proved controversial in a country where the average per capita income is about £500. Government employees complained they were pressured to donate one month of their salaries to fund the project.

De Klerk hints at referendum to clear way for national elections

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT de Klerk is considering holding an all-race referendum, which would be the first of its kind in South Africa, in a move to call the bluff of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, and his right-wing allies, who are frustrating democracy talks.

There are fears that the election scheduled for April 27 will be postponed unless the political log-jam is broken. Mr de Klerk hinted at the possibility at the weekend in Buenos Aires on the last leg of a South American tour. He said a situation could not be allowed to develop in which "parties who do not qualify as major role players were allowed to hold the country to ransom and to stand in the way of the overwhelming majority".

At the weekend Chief Buthelezi stiffened his resistance to compromise. He told an Inkatha Freedom Party rally in Ulundi, capital of the KwaZulu homeland: "I will not lead any fight in an election to become part of the proceedings which I know are going inevitably to lead to civil war." He added that he would reconsider his position as leader of the party if members decided to contest the April poll.

Delegates at the World Trade Centre outside Johannesburg are under pressure to finalise four transitional bills by the end of this week to provide for a free and fair election. The government is insisting that the bills must be passed so that enabling legislation can be prepared for a short session of parliament starting on September 13. Otherwise, it says, the election may have to be postponed.

Mr de Klerk said that the negotiations could run into a crisis within a fortnight and that a number of options were being considered. It is believed, however, that he views a referendum as a last resort.

Negotiation sources point out that the referendum option in the climate of violence is a risky one. The right wing would try to persuade its allies in the Concerned South Africans Group (Cosag), which includes Inkatha, to boycott it rather than vote "no". If violence increased and there was also a low percentage poll, they would claim victory.

☐ **Mandela incident:** Mandla Mandela, 17, a grandson of Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader, was abducted and beaten up by a gang that demanded money but did not realise who he was, according to ANC members. Another report said, however, that the boy was given a lesson in black township discipline after he slammed a taxi door so hard that a window broke.

India ensures Tamil refugees go back to Sri Lanka war zone

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN MADRAS

GUARDED by two Indian navy destroyers and air reconnaissance, an aged passenger ship left Madras for the eastern Sri Lankan port of Trincomalee yesterday packed with Tamil refugees going home to a war zone.

Theirs is an irrational journey to search for houses, farms and villages that were probably destroyed years ago. They will live in uncertainty and danger. The state government of Tamil Nadu is glad to see them go, and is pushing them out. Once welcomed as Tamil brothers, they are resented and unwanted.

The refugees are accused of bringing a gun culture to Tamil Nadu, of spreading drugs, leading youth astray, taking scarce jobs and indulging in crime. The hospitality they once enjoyed ended in May 1991 after the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, the former prime minister, allegedly by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

All weekend the rusting *M.V. Nicobar* was loaded with the modest possessions of these people — bicycles, blankets, clothes, cooking utensils — watched by officials of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. This is the first time in 20 years that India has allowed the UNHCR to operate in the country, following a dispute over the refugee crisis during the 1973 war with Pakistan. The UNHCR says the refugees are leaving voluntarily, without coercion. Some, however,

It is clear that the Tamil Nadu government is making life uncomfortable in the 131 refugee camps in the state. It has become politically popular to be seen to harass the refugees in the hope that they will leave.

"Certainly they are being coerced to go back, and I approve of it," said Cho Ramaswamy, editor of *Thuglak*, a leading Tamil political journal. "We don't want them here. I used to be branded a Tamil traitor for saying they should be sent back. Now I am seen as a visionary."

S. C. Chandrahasan, who heads the Madras-based Organisation for the Protection of Tamils of Eelam, a human rights and welfare group, said: "The state government coerces them into telling the UNHCR that they want to go home. The refugees fear the authorities in Madras, just as they fear the army and the Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka. They have nowhere to turn."

☐ **Colombo:** A Tamil rebel craft filled with explosives rammed a Sri Lankan navy gunboat in a suicide strike yesterday and at least 12 sailors, including four officers, were missing. The Joint Operations Command said the navy vessel came under attack off Point Pedro on the northern tip of Sri Lanka and was then rammed by "a suicidal terrorist boat filled with explosives, thus causing heavy damage". Five sailors were killed on Thursday during a battle be-

Thirty years on, King's vision remains a dream for US blacks

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

ONE hundred thousand marchers flocked to the foot of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington at the weekend to commemorate Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech, 30 years after the first civil rights march on the US capital.

The words of that speech, perhaps second only to Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address in its lasting influence on the national spirit, remain a touchstone for black Americans; partly for their rhetorical richness, but also because the vision outlined by this country's greatest black leader is still little more than a dream for many black Americans.

That theme was echoed by several speakers on Saturday, the 30th anniversary of King's speech. "Thirty years later, there are more poor people," said Jesse Jackson, the civil rights leader. "The ghettos and barrios of our cities are more abandoned, more endangered."

"Jobs have gone. Guns and drugs have spread. Hope is down. Violence is up."

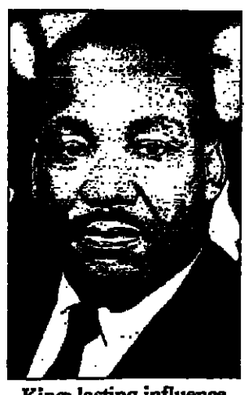
Earlier in the day Mr Jackson could be seen walking arm-in-arm with Janet Reno, the US attorney-general, one of several members of the Clinton administration who attended the rally. King's widow, Coretta Scott King, also spoke at the rally from the same spot where her husband's oratory caught the conscience of the nation. While less overtly angry than its forerunner in 1963, the occasion did not lack a confrontational edge.

In a radio address on Saturday, President Clinton paid tribute to King, who remains the towering figure of the civil rights movement for most Americans. "We owe it to him, to his work, to his memory, to rededicate ourselves today to the causes of civil rights, civic responsibility and economic opportunity for every American," he said.

Many of the speakers, while acknowledging the political advances made by blacks over the last three decades, insisted that the economic disparity between black and white Americans ensured that the "promissory note to which every American was to fall heir", referred to in the King speech, has still not been paid in full. "We want more than just fair treatment. We want a fair share of the economy," said the Reverend Benjamin Chavis, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

As the Rodney King trial, the Los Angeles riots and a series of racially-charged trials now underway around the country indicate, the problems of racial violence, while less institutionalised, are as raw in some parts of America as they were 30 years ago.

A T-shirt worn by several young blacks at the rally perhaps exemplifies the continuing anger and frustration within much of the black community: "Damn right I've got an attitude," the T-shirt read. "My people worked 400 years without a pay cheque".



King: lasting influence on the national spirit

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Chinese dam burst kills 223 and wipes out remote villages

FROM REUTER IN PEKING

A DAM burst in China's remote western Qinghai province, sending cascades of water that destroyed several villages and killed at least 223 people, officials reported last night.

Police in the provincial capital of Xining confirmed a local television report on the tragedy, but provincial officials reached by telephone declined to discuss the disaster.

Thousands of people were injured and many have been missing since the dam broke on Friday night, flooding numerous villages, the local television report said.

"A big hole split open and the water rushed out, washing away several villages," a hospital worker quoted the television as saying. Several Xining hospitals said they were treating patients flown or driven in from the disaster scene several hundred miles away. A local official said the breaching of the dam at the Gouhou reservoir in Qinghai's Hainan Tibet prefecture caused "big losses in lives and property".

It was not immediately known what caused the failure of the dam, whose reservoir was holding about 2.6 million cubic metres of water, the Xinhua news agency said. The agency gave no explanation for the delay in reporting the accident. It is common practice for China's state-controlled media to block news reporting of disasters until officials arrive and can claim credit for rescue work.

Central government officials ordered an investigation into the cause of the accident and Zhu Rongji, a deputy prime minister, had taken a personal interest in the welfare of victims. "Zhu emphasised the need to make the best possible arrangements for the disaster victims and to organise them to rebuild their homes and to resume a normal life," it said.

The economic losses are likely to be painful in Qinghai, a vast, impoverished region where nomadic herders and farmers try to coax life from arid, high-elevation plateaus.

The dam break could heighten concern about construction of one of the world's biggest public works — a vast earthen dam blocking China's powerful Yangtze river in the scenic Three Gorges.

Natural and man-made disasters kill many thousands of Chinese every year, with mining accidents alone taking an average of 10,000 a year, or nearly 30 a day. The last time an entire village was reported wiped out was in September 1991, when a huge mudslide crashed through a hamlet in southern Yunnan province, killing at least 218 people.

Seasonal flooding is the main killer, taking between 1,500 and 2,500 lives a year. This year's toll passed 1,000 in mid-August, with most deaths reported on the flat, flood-prone Yangtze and Huai watersheds of east-central China. Typhoon Polly killed more than 120 people in last September, when it hit the populous Zhejiang province.

■ **Geneva:** Representatives of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled leader, accused China of secretly adopting a Nazi-style "final solution" to end resistance to its rule over the restive Himalayan region. Plans include "further flooding of Tibet with Chinese settlers and manipulation of senior religious circles to create divisions among Tibetans" overseas, the Tibet Bureau, the Dalai Lama's political organisation, said in a statement here.

Hong Kong: A poll in Britain shows an overwhelming majority of Britons want the government to give the Hong Kong population the right of entry to Britain should there be a clampdown in the colony after the Chinese takeover in 1997 (Michael Binyon writes).

However, the MORI poll, published by the *South China Sunday Morning Post*, also found that a majority opposed any special deal for the colony's 7,000 Asians and other ethnic minorities, who risk becoming stateless.



Ong Teng Cheong, 57, greeting supporters after winning Singapore's first presidential elections, although some opponents believe the close results show many people are not comfortable with the ruling party extending its political control. Mr Ong will be sworn in on Wednesday

Nations debate war rules

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

REPRESENTATIVES from more than 120 nations meet today for the opening of a conference intended to restore authority to the Geneva conventions on the conduct of war.

Despite strong pressure on participants from the Swiss hosts to demonstrate their commitment to the conventions by sending senior politicians to the three-day Geneva conference, Britain's delegation will be headed by Frank Berman, senior legal adviser to the Foreign Office. With most politicians still on holiday, no minister was available to represent the British view.

The conference will look at all the conflicts where the conventions, several of which are more than 100 years old, are being increasingly flouted, including Bosnia-Herzegovina, Somalia, Angola and Cambodia. The International Committee of the Red Cross, the main force behind the conference, hopes that a formal declaration of commitment to the conventions will increase the moral force of rules that have no formal machinery of enforcement.

One aim will be to convince Third World countries that the conventions are not simply attempts to impose Western values on the Third World, but represent minimal standards of humanity that are applicable to all societies at all times.

Submarine safe found intact by salvage team

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

THE salvage team investigating the recovered German second world war submarine U534 has discovered the vessel's safe, still intact after nearly 50 years under water and says it may contain vital documents, including diaries. There is speculation that the material may throw light on the intentions of senior figures in the Nazi regime who plotted their escapes in the last days of the war, as Hitler committed suicide, Berlin burned and Nazi Germany stared defeat in the face.

Towing ashore of the submarine raised from the Danish seabed was delayed yesterday by stormy weather. Bomb disposal squads detonated 10 tonnes of ammunition removed from the the boat near the site of the salvage operation off the Danish island of Anholt at the mouth of the Baltic.

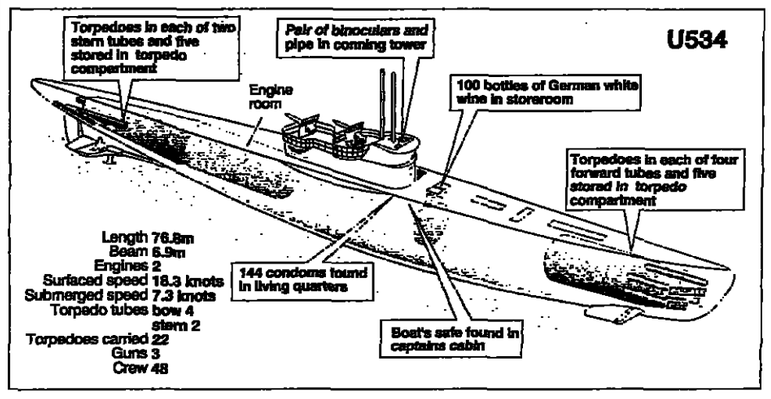
Carsten Ree, the Danish publisher sponsoring the salvage project, said that 16 torpedoes had been located over four days and cleared from the vessel, now ready to be towed away for thorough onshore inspection.

"We found and disarmed 16 torpedoes, slightly fewer than we had expected," Mr Ree said. He expected the Danish defence ministry to declare the boat safe and allow it to be towed away on its floating platform by tug within the next few days to the port of Hirtshals on the North Sea side of the Jutland peninsula, when weather permitted it.

The U534 is to be placed in dry dock while conservationists carry out a detailed investigation. The conservationists' work is expected to several months. When the investigation is complete, the boat is to be put on permanent exhibition in a new museum in the Danish provinces.

A Danish-Dutch consortium brought the sunken U534 submarine, rumoured to be carrying Nazi treasures or secrets, to the surface off the Danish island of Anholt last Monday.

The U534 was sunk by a RAF Liberator bomber on May 5, 1945, in one of the final actions of the war. Survivors from the German submarine crew doubt whether any significant treasure will be found.



Singapore 'rebuff' to rulers

FROM KIM COGHILL IN SINGAPORE

RESULTS of Singapore's first presidential election were a "clear rebuff" to the long-ruling People's Action Party (PAP) even though Ong Teng Cheong, its preferred candidate, won, an opposition leader said yesterday.

The losing candidate, Chua Kim Yeow, a former banker, polled enough votes to send a clear message that voters do not want the party to extend its political power any further, Joshua Jeyaretnam said. Mr Chua won 41 per cent of the votes cast on Saturday. "Chua is a relative unknown in Singapore [so] this is clearly an anti-PAP vote," he said.

Mr Ong, a former deputy prime minister and labour leader, had to leave the ruling party to run but did receive its ringing endorsement in the compulsory vote. A diplomat said last week that a vote of 60 per cent or less for Mr Ong would indicate dissatisfaction with the authoritarian party, which has held a tight grip on power since Singapore won independence from Britain in 1965. "It will also lead to a lot of soul-searching within the PAP," he said.

"I think the message was clear," one analyst said. "It was that many Singaporeans are still largely content with the PAP as a government but they are not comfortable with it extending its control to the presidency."

Azerbaijani vote expected to seal fate of deposed ruler

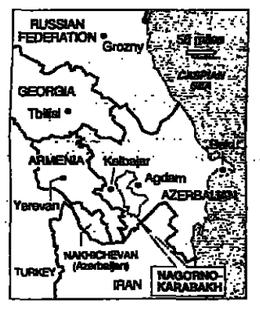
FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

AZERBAIJANIS went to the polls yesterday in a referendum on the presidency of Albulfez Elchibey as Armenian forces advanced further into their territory. Mr Elchibey was effectively deposed in a military coup in June and the referendum is expected to result in a vote of no confidence and his formal removal from office.

As voting took place, international aid agencies reported that up to 200,000 Azerbaijani refugees are on the move from the southwest of the republic while Armenian forces were continuing to push on several fronts.

It had been thought that the refugees might be forced to flee south across the border into Iran, but a corridor still exists through which they can escape eastwards into Azerbaijan.

Western diplomats suspect that the Armenians may be repeating the tactic they employed during the conquest of Kelbajar in April when they also left a corridor so that civilians could escape. With the fall of the strategically exposed southwest now seemingly only a matter of time, most Azerbaijani civilians remaining in the region need no further encouragement to flee.



Azerbaijani refugees have expressed their bitterness by accusing Mr Elchibey of having laid Azerbaijan open to the latest Armenian attacks. In what has become an ironic pattern in Azerbaijani politics, Mr Elchibey's Popular Front took power in March last year after Azerbaijani defeats undermined the previous communist regime. Mr Elchibey was driven from power after further defeats.

Mr Elchibey has denounced the referendum as illegal and after an armed attack on the television station in Nakhichevan last week, allegedly by his supporters, there were fears that the Popular Front might disrupt the poll. Last night there were no reports of violence.

Mr Elchibey was replaced in June by a joint administration of Heidar Aliyev, the former communist leader, and Surat Husseinov, the military leader. Despite a denial yesterday by Mr Husseinov that he is at odds with Mr Aliyev, their alliance is generally regarded as unstable.

Russian 'confesses to killings'

BY CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT

A RUSSIAN sailor has allegedly confessed to killing in self-defence two of five members of the crew of a German freighter that was found drifting ten days ago in the North Sea off Western Denmark.

The Russian, Andrei Lapin, 28, was charged by the Danish police with the murder of the German captain and four Russian members of the crew of the *Baerbel*. According to the Danish police Mr Lapin had said previously that he knew nothing of the fate of his shipmates. At a reconstruction staged by the police in the Danish North Sea port of Esbjerg on Saturday, the accused claimed that two of his fellow Russian shipmates first killed the captain and two other members of the crew with an axe in fights.

Mr Lapin is alleged to have said that he had grabbed the axe and killed the two Russians after they had attacked him. He said he tied iron bars round the legs of all five dead men before throwing them overboard.

Danish fisherman found the Russian alone on August 18 in a rubber dinghy near the deserted *Baerbel* 100 miles west of the Danish coast. He allegedly said then that he was the only survivor of a drunken fight and a fire on board.

The empty German vessel was towed to Esbjerg. She had left London on August 14 and was due in the port of Brunsbuettel, North Germany, two days later.

Police said the Russian had 60,000 marks (£24,000) on him when he was detained. The German police have

Nazi ghosts haunt Berlin's bid to stage 2000 Olympics

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

BERLIN has embarked on a late sprint to overtake Manchester, Sydney and Peking for the prize of staging the Olympics in 2000. Yet the millions of marks spent on lobbying and the aggressive marketing of its bear mascot cannot blot out the memory of the last Berlin Games in 1936.

"If the Germans want something, they usually get it," said Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, after a much-feted visit to Berlin. That perhaps light-hearted comment fuelled the ambitions of the Berliners, who were close to giving up. So, too, did the world athletics championships in Stuttgart. The IOC delegates appear to have left well satisfied with German efficiency.

The delegates were subjected to a hard sell from Berlin marketing men. A key figure has been Edzard Reuter, the Berlin-born chairman of Daimler-Benz, who gets on well with Dr Samaranch. The German president, the chancellor and the foreign and the economic ministers also have all been energetically wooing the IOC ahead of the Olympics decision next month.

A visit to the Olympic stadium shows how heavily the Nazi Olympics still weigh in the choice of Berlin. Little has changed physically in the stadium since Hitler cheered German winners and spat with fury when Jesse Owens, the black American sprinter, outstripped German athletes. It is all still there: the May Field where Goebbels staged his pre-Games parades, the vast Aryan superman statues of Arno Breker and, in the catacombs of the stadium, the Langemarch Hall, a memorial for 2,000 German soldiers who died on a Belgian battle front fighting the British in the first world war. Hitler laid a wreath there just before the 1936 Games.

Two years later Blaupunkt was using the underground



Owens: angered Hitler by outrunning Germans

tunnels of the stadium to make weapons technology. The stadium celebrates "the militant cult of death", says Professor Hans-Ernst Mittig, who occupies the chair of art history at the Berlin Academy.

Ignatz Bubis, leader of the Jewish community in Germany, drew a picture of the stadium in 2000 if the Olympics bid succeeds. "Imagine athletes from all over the world filing into the stadium, past the colossal statues of the Third Reich, the sculptures designed to show the perfect racial model; all this at a time when foreigners are being attacked, when swastikas are being bandied about and when neo-Nazi activities are grabbing headlines throughout the world." Herr Bubis' comments make plain that Israel would think hard before participating in Berlin.

Home opposition to the Olympics is far stronger in Germany than elsewhere. In the main the opposition comes from the left — the Greens, the Young Socialists and, on the fringes, the anarchist squatters *(chaoten)* who inhabit the run-down districts of Berlin. "Kill the Olympic bear" say the banners fluttering from tenements in Kreuzberg district. There have been at least two arson attacks on department stores owned by Hertie, an Olympic sponsor.

The chief objections to the Games, apart from the historical ineptness, is that large funds would be diverted not only from housing (Berlin needs 100,000 new flats) but also from modest sports facilities for children.

For Berlin city elders the Olympics is a way out of a crisis. The Games would hook billions of marks of federal subsidies, give a boost to Berlin as a site for German and foreign industry, make funds free for modernising the city centre and put pressure on the politicians to move ministries to Berlin.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Delors calls for European federalism

Paris: Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, appealed yesterday for a spectacular leap towards a federal Europe as the only way of saving the Community's dreams of a united future (Charles Bremner writes). "We must define the political Europe that we want. We must plead for the federal approach," M Delors said at the Breton port of Lorient. Yugoslavia and the currency crisis showed the lack of collective will.

Nigerians freed

Abuja: The head of Nigeria's new interim government, Ernest Shonekan, ordered the release of pro-democracy leaders detained after leading mass protests against the annulment of the June presidential election. *(Reuter)*

Capri fire

Capri: Italian troops were ferried to the Mediterranean island of Capri to help put out brush fires that injured 11 tourists at the weekend. Capri's deputy mayor said the fire had destroyed some of the most beautiful areas. *(Reuter)*

Kurds clash

Ankara: Kurdish rebels killed nine civilians and security forces killed four Kurdish guerrillas in southeastern Turkey. *(Reuter)*

Cruisers hurt

Düsseldorf: Ten people were injured when a Rhine cruiser carring 119 Dutch holiday-makers was in collision with a

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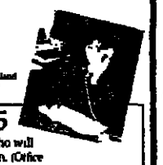
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LIBBY PURVES

I hope that no nasty accident befalls you, this bank holiday. I hope none of us falls out of a train window, gets struck by lightning, poisoned by a rogue whelk or blown off a cliff while pursuing a sunbat. If we do, I hope we survive.

Moreover — and almost more important — I hope we retain sufficient grace and sense of proportion to stop us launching any campaign whatsoever to ban trains or seafood, to have 20ft padded walls built around clifftops or a law compelling citizens to crouch on a regulation rubber mat in thundery weather. The real disaster would be if our mishap should, in any way, encourage the authorities to take more care of us.

I never thought that I would write this piece. I am a dedicated coward and nervous mother: you have never found me harrumphing with the old guard over drink-driving laws or seat belts, or the fining of companies for poisoning employees. I have not spoken a word, against trading standards officers for trying to stop people selling my children spiked and toxic toys; I am even happy to pay the wages of environmental health officers. Provided they keep their noses well down in the real dirt, and refrain from confiscating publicans' pipes and frisking spotless B & B landladies for illegal wooden spoons.

But that is a big condition, and it is not being met. And even I — and other timid worms — am now turning and muttering *We are the people of England, and we have not spoken yet!* Do not confuse us with those arrogant libertarians who want the freedom to drive at 120mph with a bottle of Bollinger inside them and blow smoke in your face. We rarely make trouble; but now we say, politely, that if the price of liberty is a bit of calculated risk, we prefer to pay up.

The last straw was the news this weekend that an end is nearing in a local battle. The protagonists are Ward & Son of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, *garagistes*, and various health and safety officials hired by the county out of the taxes that Ward's and its customers pay. For the garage, being small, operates an old-fashioned petrol pump with an arm which swings out high above the pavement so that the hose may reach the cars.

This apparatus and its predecessors have been operating for 67 years without a single accident. It is tended by a staff of three, the senior of whom is a Baptist lay preacher of 29 years' service. The "lad" has been in attendance for 29 years, the "boy" a mere 27. It is the kind of place where Morris Minor owners feel thoroughly at home. These men and their apparatus probably represent considerably less danger to the road-using public than, say, a minor royal on the M40. As to obstruction, a number of elderly Aldeburgh pedestrians have written plaintive letters saying that they rather like the traffic being slowed down. It enables them to cross the road.

The garage's licence to sell petrol was renewed each year without demur until this April when, suddenly, an official condemned the pump. Virtually every driver in the town signed a furious petition: the owner appealed, and a government inspector reports this week. But as I write, the local paper relates that the county trading standards officer, Mr Fletcher, is "not displeased" with the verdict. Which means that a lot of other people are. The next stop is the Lords, and then Europe; the fate of 700 small garages hangs on the issue.

On the opposite page of the newspaper sprawls an overturned beer lorry. Turn over and you find more evidence of life's uncertainty: a legionnaire's disease scare at the local hospital and a chap who dropped dead in a nightclub. Oh, and the usual mention of Sizewell B, our local nuclear power station: which is OK because, while it may have a PWR design not unlike that of Three Mile Island, it is free from swing-over petrol pumps with a mere 67-year record of unblemished safety.

Meanwhile, the authorities go on worrying about us in other respects: they are urging carnival revellers not to throw water-bombs because they might cause "distress and potential danger". Well, carnivals are dodgy things: I had a drunk outside the pub attempt last year to pull off my Brünnhilde tinfoil breastplates, but I merely raised my shield against his water-bombs and struck out with my cardboard sword crying "Hojotoho!". I would advise any distressed fancy-dressers to do the same, or carnivals will get banned next.

Blind, doctrinaire "safety" rulings untouched by common sense actually make life dangerous. They contribute to irritability and rebellion. The overdose of warnings on American garden toys ("Permanent maiming may result!") causes users to ignore even the sensible ones.

In the same way, over-regulated citizens stop thinking and fall into a theme park mentality which dimly assumes that anything not forbidden must ipso facto be safe. After the Land's End tragedy there were complaints that there "should have been notices" saying waves could drown you. At a country park two years ago, a man threatened to sue because there was no warning that wet grass was slippery.

I have a book of Victorian accidents — runaway horses, "Farmer Shot By Chicken" — which I read sometimes to fortify myself. Today's lesson is that Sir Robert Peel was confined to bed in 1846 after resting his foot on a china washbasin whilst dressing. It shattered and cut him. There is no record of his contacting *You and Yours* and campaigning for bootproof washbasins.

The power behind the chess board

It may be just a game, but chess can teach us much about improving the world, argues **Robert Skidelsky**

THE KOBAL COLLECTION



The classic film *The Chess Players*, directed by Satyajit Ray, argued that it is more civilised to conduct wars by playing chess than to kill people

The British, it is well known, are mad on games. Their addiction to sport has been widely blamed for a decline of British industry. Yet chess to us has never been a passion — unlike in the former Soviet Union. It has always been a leisure pursuit, a hobby, like stamp-collecting or bridge; an agreeable way of passing the time on holiday, certainly not an object of collective striving or loyalty.

This is despite the fact that it is a game calling for efforts of intellect and character which should have commended it, at the very least, to the improving schoolmaster. That it is seen as "nothing but" a pastime is probably due to the relentlessly utilitarian quality of our culture. Thought must be purposive.

As Lord Carrington said in the recent House of Lords debate on Maastricht, we are a "practical" people. Chess is not practical, it is conceptual. Therefore, it is as useless as the Maastricht treaty. Alfred Marshall gave up chess because, he said, it was immoral "to spend time on subtleties that lead nowhere". He took up economics instead, in the belief that it was a practical activity.

English educators put their faith not in the alert mind, but in the healthy body. At school, we were sent forth to acquire backbone on the playing field. The smell of my geography master's rugger socks "drying out" on the radiator after a good afternoon's moral sweat still haunts me. Of course, what they were really after was not the healthy, but the fatigued body. The main object of games was to stop masturbation. Chess could not serve this purpose. Neither, of course, did rugger.

All this was quite contrary to the Soviet view. Before the Revolution, Russia scarcely figured on the chess map. But Lenin (like Marx) played chess, and valued it as mental training and social discipline. After the Revolution, chess was officially encouraged in order to create Soviet Man "possessed of logic", will and decisiveness' as Garry Kasparov called him in his autobiography; also as an antidote to drunkenness. If chess indeed possesses these powers, it is hard to justify its exclusion from the National Curriculum. With our teenagers glued to the chessboard, the pubs would empty, and so would many of our prisons. Experience of problem-solving under pressure of the time-clock would dramatically raise our productivity. What is holding John Patten back?

The answer, of course, is that the Soviet Union was not exactly a monument to the beneficent effects of chess. It is true that masses of people played it seriously, and the overall standard was remarkably high. Perhaps things would have gone to pieces even faster had they not. But there is little evidence that playing chess, or any game, improves one's character or general competence. There is much casual evidence to the contrary.

Bobby Fischer and John McEnroe, two of the greatest post-war sporting geniuses, displayed deplorable character traits right through their careers. Though no chess wizard myself, I have played a lot of chess in my life, and have always been struck by the extent to which people play "in character".

The economist Nicky Kaldor attacked your pieces with great panache and ferocity, but always managed to leave his rear unprotected. His economics was a bit like that. I think I've always been too anxious to protect my rear.

Chess has another claim on our attention as a world improver. It allows the human species to conduct wars without casualties. The passions and consequences of total war are expended on the chess board. Its two "teams" are societies arrayed for battle — almost exact replicas of the hierarchical medieval societies in which chest originated. The manipulation of such armies not only offers the highest form of mental challenge, but channels our aggressive instincts into innocent pleasures.

The fact that victories and defeats in chest "lead nowhere" is a sign of chess's fitness, not unfitness, as a training for life.

Is it not more civilised to play chess than to kill people; to use arguments playfully rather than destructively? Satyajit Ray made just this point in his film *The Chess Players*, which shows Indian princes playing chess as the British barbarians took over their country.

Much intellectual activity today is clearly a form of chess. Philosophy, with its moves and gambits, has long ceased to have any contact with life. Economists play a form of mathematical chess. Literary scholars deconstruct each other's pieces. We tend to deplore these developments. But perhaps we should welcome them, and endow universities ever more lavishly, since at least they stop academics from doing harm.

The trouble with this pleasing vision of peace through chess is that it is inherently implausible. Passions are not purged by games any more than cold baths. The results are not pleasing enough. We still hanker for victories with "real" consequences — *ie* which give us power. The triumphs of the chessboard or golf course are pallid by comparison.

Whatever its disappointments real life continues to offer much more satisfaction, especially to the mediocre. By definition, talent in games cannot be nurtured by experience of life; it has to be inborn; and it is limited in supply. George Steiner gives chess, music and maths as the only mental activities in which creative results have been achieved before puberty. Brilliant imitation was the best that young children could achieve in other areas.

This seems to be true. Children's paintings, however charming, direct, awkward or disturbing, are not creative by adult standards; nor, despite Daisy Ashford, are literary *juvenilia*.

We see the same sort of inborn "maturity" in physical sport. Once physical strength is sufficiently developed — generally after puberty — talented young people can swim or play squash or tennis to the highest standards of proficiency and creativity which those sports allow. In practically all life's other activities, psychological maturing, known as "growing up" or "experience", is indispensable for competence, let alone for outstanding accomplishment.

The inborn capacities needed for success at games will limit the appeal of games playing, but not the numbers of those who watch them being played. The spectator appeal of sport has shot up tremendously. Why is this so? It is partly the age-old appeal of combat carried out at a high level of efficiency and grace. It is partly the effect of television: it is partly the result of more leisure and spending power.

But perhaps the peculiar appeal of games in our time is that they are one of the few areas of life left which allow the production of heroes and heroines; in which the best are allowed to succeed by the only test which matters — vanquishing one's enemies. If Nigel Short beats Garry Kasparov, he will be the best chess player in the world. If only the rest of life were so simple!

● *Lord Skidelsky is professor of political economy at Warwick University.*

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How being kidnapped by guerrillas failed to change an adventurous spirit

Give up travel now? No fear



Tania Miller: no regrets

TANIA Miller laughs. It is a healthy, uninhibited laugh, the kind of laugh we have come to expect of our good-living Australian cousins.

Looking at her it is hard to imagine that little more than a week ago she and her companion David Rowbottom were hostages in a bloody conflict being played out in Turkey's remote east. The two spent more than five weeks living in conditions the rest of us might sensibly regard with dread.

They were forced by their Kurdish captors to walk miles, scrambling over the mountainous terrain in darkness. Three times the guerrilla camps they were held in were bombed by the Turkish security forces. They slept on beds of leaves and twigs and survived on bread and cheese.

"I think people are waiting for us to crack, to show our scars," Tania says. "But I'm not sure there are any."

Already, undeterred by their adventures of recent weeks, she is talking about the next trip. Should they go to the Karakoram highway in Pakistan as planned, or perhaps to Libya or Yemen?

She is, she admits, a travel addict. "I guess I have a bit of an adventurous spirit. I'm not purely on handwritten notes

On Wednesday, Gordon

Workers' Party) in July, becoming pawns in a conflict of which they had only scant understanding.

"We were exploring the crater of Mount Nemrut and I was just saying to David how glad I was we had come here, that it was the best decision we had made in ages, when this group of fighters came up to us," Tania says. The couple chatted with them, then made to leave. "That was when they cocked their guns and we knew we were in trouble," she says. "Then I was scared. We didn't know if they would shoot us or not."

The fear turned to anger and then, as days passed, to frustration. "It would have been easier to bear if they had said at the beginning it would be five weeks. But they kept on telling us, 'Only one or two days more'," Tania says. "The days went by and there was no release. It was soul-destroy-

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know, was not reflecting

many Australians do. And why stop because you have been taken hostage? You have a car accident but you keep on driving."

Few travellers, however, even long-term travellers like Tania and David, who in a year had already cycled 6,000 miles through 13 countries, have such a tale to tell.

needed to shout and scream at them and physically show my anger."

THE story of how they came to be released borders on the farcical. "By then the PKK just wanted to be rid of us. Eventually they dumped us on a village," Tania says. "The villagers later told us they had pulled guns on them and told them they must look after us and pay for a taxi the next day to take us out. That shattered our opinion of the PKK."

They waited and waited but no taxi came. "By then we had had a gutful. We could see the main road from the village."

Adventurer to the last, Tania says she has no regrets. "It has taught us a lot. There are so many wars going on around the world, you tend to switch off. If it's not Sarajevo or Somalia, it's Saddam. Now we have seen it and it has changed us a bit, made me stronger, less sensitive to things that before would have made me burst into tears."

And now? "Sleep, rest, family and friends." Then it is back on the road, with their new mountain bikes, named Kurd and Stan in memory of their latest adventure.

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Catalogue crazy



Above: Tweed sports jacket, £99. Grey flannel shirt, £30. Fair isle waistcoat, £39. Fawn classic ribbed cardigan (woman's), £45.

Above left: Grey long-sleeved T-shirt, £16. Oatmeal flannel shirt, £30. Charcoal ribbed waistcoat, £35. Grey whale cord trousers, £38. Black classic ribbed cardigan, £45.

Left: White T-shirt, £14. Camel cotton cord jacket, £99. Camel whale cord trousers, £38. Oatmeal cable waistcoat (woman's), £29.

All Lands' End Direct Merchants (for details telephone Freephone 0800 220 106).

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Men hate shopping. It's a fact. Whereas women genuinely seem to enjoy it. They actually delight in trailing round the shops, searching through the racks and rails, and trying things on. Whether or not they end the day with a purchase is almost unimportant. Shopping for clothes is a pastime for women, on a par with golf for men. Yet men will never understand the pleasure of a day spent simply window shopping. Like I said, men find shopping for clothes fearful, and more often than not are happy to leave that task to their wives or girlfriends.



Fashion

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It will then come as good news for the reluctant male shopper to find that the world of mail order catalogues has taken a giant leap forward in terms of both style and content over the past few years or so. The look of the new breed of specialist catalogues is very much designer-led, while at the same time providing classic, well-priced merchandise. For women, mail order catalogues work in tandem with conventional shopping sprees, filling the spaces in the wardrobe. As menswear changes at a much slower pace from season to season, it is always possible to find basic components in such catalogues, to mix and match in your own way. It is how you put the clothes together that counts.

The outfits on today's page come entirely from one mail order catalogue, Lands' End (some are even stolen from the women's pages) and nothing shown costs more than £100. In keeping with the trend in menswear for tactile fabrics, we picked good corduroy, chunky knits, soft flannel and tweed.

Lands' End Direct Merchants embodies the trend in mail order. It is an American company founded 30 years ago in Chicago, Illinois, by Gary hardware. The first catalogue not only listed the merchandise available, but also how and why it worked. Lands' End still provides a booklet telling you how to care for your clothes.

The company is the eighth largest mail order company in America. It annually mails out 136 million catalogues to more than 57 countries worldwide. Having entered the British marketplace in 1991, in August it opened it first telephone order and distribution centre outside the United States, a 60,000 square foot site in Oakham, Rutland, specifically to service British customers. A long way from the cornfield in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, which is now home to Lands' End.

Catalogue selling in America is a huge growth industry. Catalogue revenue reached $51.5 billion sales in 1992, 7.6 per cent growth per year since 1987. Direct employment in the catalogue industry in America surpassed 250,000 people in 1992.

In America, Lands' End has three phone centres, manned 24 hours a day, 364 days a year by more than 2,000 sales representatives. Orders are mailed out within 24 hours. Between them, they handle more than ten million enquiries annually. Technically mail order is a misnomer, as 85 per cent of sales are taken over the telephone.

Faced with such information, you could be forgiven for thinking that Lands' End is a cold, cruel corporation which thinks only in terms of units and stock shifted. However, its true image is one of good old-fashioned caring and what the Americans refer to as "customer closeness".

Celebrating the launch of the new Oakham distribution centre in London last week, William T. End, president and chief executive officer of Lands' End, spoke of traditional values such as quality and honesty. He enthused customer, of the replacement buttons, hemming of trousers, and fabric swatches which are all provided free.

The company's consideration for its customer is best exemplified by the guarantee it offers. "It can usually be proven that as the number of words in a guarantee increase, your rights as customer decrease," Mr End explained. "Therefore, our guarantee is as simple as you can get. One word and a punctuation mark. Guaranteed. Period."

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● *DICKENS & Jones, of Regent Street, London, has undergone a transformation. China and homeware have been abandoned in favour of fashion — six floors of it, to be exact. Hobbs, Calvin Klein Jeans, Diesel, Artwork and Moschino are just some of the labels to be found in the new-look store. Customers short of time or in need of fashion advice can now take advantage of a new complimentary service, the personal shopping suite, situated on the first floor adjacent to the designer room. Advice is at hand for planning holiday and business wardrobes or special occasion outfits, especially useful when time and imagination have long since deserted you. For further information, or to arrange an appointment, phone Dickens & Jones (071) 734 7070 and ask for the personal shopping suite.*

● *IN SEAN Connery's latest movie, The Rising Sun, co-staring Harvey Keitel and Wesley Snipes, Giorgio Armani personally supervised the creation of the true king of Scotland's wardrobe. Dressed in Armani throughout the film, Connery plays a detective investigating the murder of a young woman. Clothes by Armani have long been used to create stylish and distinctive film wardrobes, most notably in The Untouchables and American Gigolo. The Rising Sun will be on general release in October.*

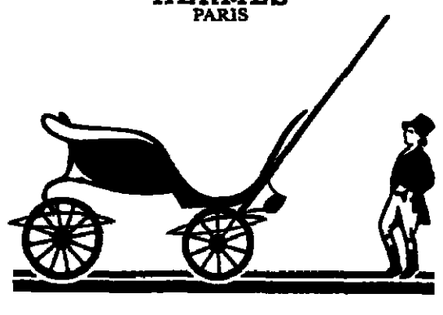
● *SLIM Barrett, the eclectic jewellery designer and artist, is regarded by many as one of the most influential figures in contemporary design. His sculpture, art and jewellery, always innovative and beautifully crafted, will be featured in the windows of Browns, South Molton Street, during London Fashion Week in mid-October and will be the focus of an exhibition to be held at Space NK during December. Entitled Legend and inspired by ancient lucky charm symbols, his new collection will start at £9 for a charm.*

The exhibition of Barrett's work will be the first in a series of themed shows to held at Space NK, Thomas Neals, Covent Garden, WC2.

● *WRANGLER has launched a new advertising campaign and Levi is about to do the same. Both companies are re-thinking their image and are eager to capture a larger share of the jeans market. Wrangler held a huge party last week in London for the press and retailers to view a new "Wild West" television commercial. Poseurs threw their attitudes aside and rode the bucking broncho, threw horse shoes and slumped on bales of hay. The free, outdoor lifestyle portrayed in the advertisement is one both companies are keen to promote, in a return to a western heritage and a move away from a tough urban image. Levi will launch its new advertisement with a party this week, and then the jeans war will really begin.*

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Matthew Parris



■ You need a really good, expensive multi-volume encyclopaedia to tell you that nothing much changes

You feel like a reverse Robin Hood," said the bookseller to me, "robbing the poor and giving to the rich." I was in a little village in Derbyshire called Cromford. The bookseller, David Mitchell of Scarthin Books, specialises in old volumes and I had called to consult him about a second-hand set of *The Encyclopaedia Britannica*. An encyclopaedia is useful in my work but hardly needs to be up-to-the-minute or expensive. Anything from the 1970s onward, and cheap, would do. "Do you ever get them in?" I asked.

Mr Mitchell explained that he regularly does, though rather than keep the bulky sets in stock he takes a note of the seller's address and waits for a customer looking to buy. It was a vigorous trade. "Unscrupulous encyclopaedia salesmen, I fear, are what keeps it going. They sell to people who can't always afford a set, and aren't even sure they want one. A few years later, if the family go through a lean time, they sell. They find the set's worth only half what they paid for it, or less."

This, said Mr Mitchell, was where Robin Hood comes in: "From, say, a newly redundant Rolls-Royce fitter in Derby. I'm buying something that cost him fourteen hundred pounds, and selling it for seven hundred to a rich company director for whom there is no particular social cachet in having a set that's brand new. It seems a bit sad — except that for the fitter, of course, it's a relief to get the money."

I suggested to Mr Mitchell that this could be an important new indicator of economic recession: M7, or velocity of encyclopaedia-circulation. The faster the sets of *Britannica* are being put back on the market, the sharper the pinch people are feeling. Indeed, the time lag between salesman's doorknock and second-hand bookseller's call may vary proportionately with economic optimism. Mitchell agreed. "And it's bad around here," he said. "We've almost caught up with the salesmen. Just a couple of years behind. Hot on their heels."

He promised to look out for a set for me. "I've a 1911 set in stock," he said, "but I suppose that it would be no use to you?" I replied that it wouldn't, but asked to see it.

It was beautiful: a miniature set in small print, leather bound. He only wanted £60. I decided to take it, if only for a curiosity. We packed it into cardboard boxes, he gave me some leather-restorer in a home-made pickled beetroot jar, and I carted the boxes down to London on the train.

I opened them last night. "It will be interesting," I thought, "to look things up and marvel at the changes in human knowledge since then." I began to read . . .

And it *is* interesting. And I'll tell you why. What is interesting is not how much things have changed, but how little. That 1911 set of *The Encyclopaedia Britannica* remains a useful, practical and remarkably current guide to the state of applied science and human knowledge for about nine-tenths (I would reckon) of the questions we are likely to want to ask.

I looked up "motor vehicles". It was plain that their manufacture and use was far less widespread than now, but the description of the working of an internal combustion engine, clutch and geared transmission would need to be amended today only by a paragraph on overhead valves. I looked up "telephone". The thing had plainly been invented and was spreading fast. This was true of electricity in the home, too.

The section on wirelesses missed, it is true, the transistor, but was otherwise quite modern in tone. There was nothing about televisions, but the section on "cinematograph" looked forward to the possibility of colour as well as black and white moving pictures. All the entries on medical knowledge, economics and religion appeared as the kind of arrogant and implausible bunkum that their modern equivalents do today. Aeroplanes and computers were not there, but the railway system sounded rather more advanced, and the descriptions of the typewriter, cash register and sewing machine looked entirely familiar. So did the houses.

> 'Progress looks no more than a refinement of a range of inventions in place in 1911'

I do not underestimate the advances in knowledge we have made since then, nor the changes in our ways of living, but I must report that, reading the 1911 encyclopaedia, so much of what we could call "progress" looks no more than a refinement of a range of inventions, ideas and concepts which in 1911 was already essentially in place, much of it quite new.

I wonder in which other centuries of the past five it would have been possible to publish an encyclopaedia at the beginning of the century which would still be so current at the end? I looked up "Bosnia and Herzegovina". "Considerable bitterness prevails," it says, between Muslims and Christians, "each aiming at political ascendancy." The recent political settlement there, adds *Britannica*, "left the agrarian difficulty unsolved, and the hostile religious factions unreconciled".

I looked up "Servia" (as Serbia was called). "*Many Serbs still hoped for the realisation of the so-called 'greater Servia Idea'.*"

We pay a high price, and not just a literary one, for closing our ears to the lyric voices

Sole survivor of the wreck of poetry

"Twas on a lofty vase's side"
"Happy the man whose wish and care
A few paternal acres bound"
"Oh, to be in England
Now that April's there"
"Ring out, wild bells, to the, wild sky"
"Home is the sailor, home from sea
And the hunter home from the hill."
"How sleep the brave, who sink to rest
By all their country's wishes blest!"
"I remember, I remember,
The house where I was born"
"What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare"
"When icicles hang by the wall"
"John Anderson my jo, John"

If you recognise all of these lines of poetry and can name the authors of most of them, it says something about you. It may well say that you are more than 50 years old. It does not say that you are particularly widely read; they all come from the stock of English poems anthologised in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Most, if not all, could be found in Quiller-Couch's *Oxford Book of English Verse*.

I have in fact taken them from a less well known anthology of the same taste, John Drinkwater's *The Way of Poetry*, published in 1919 by Collins. The authors, to refresh the reader's memory, are Thomas Gray, Alexander Pope, Robert Browning, Alfred Tennyson, Robert Louis Stevenson, William Collins, Thomas Hood, W.H. Davies, William Shakespeare and Robert Burns. The copy of Drinkwater's anthology from which I have taken them was used by one of my sisters, possibly as a schoolbook, in the early 1930s when she would have been about ten years old.

In Britain and in the United States, where my mother was taught very similar poetry in her childhood of the 1890s, anthology poems used to be taught and memorised both in school and in the home. I am not sure when the practice started; I suspect that poems of this kind became part of general education late in the 18th century, perhaps under the influence of poet-educators such as Hannah More. Nor is it certain when anthology teaching died out; indeed it has never died out completely. What is certain is that there is now little learning of poems by heart, and that the children of the 1990s know far less poetry than those of the 1930s and 1940s, let alone those of the 1890s.

The anthologists, particularly Palgrave, Quiller-Couch and Drinkwater — though there were many others — chose well. Some of the poems they admired are sentimental, too sweet for the modern palate. But many are lyrics of great beauty. The failure to become familiar with them in childhood is a lifelong loss. I find that remembering and re-reading poems which have been friends for nearly 60 years is a pleasure I should be very sorry to lose. Lyric poetry is one of the greatest strengths of English literature; probably no other language has so many fine lyric poems, and even the less inspired of them often have some attraction.

These anthologies had the merit of introducing people who would never take a specialist interest in poetry to a wide range of English verse. As a result Britain used to have a large audience for poetry, which has now dwindled to a tiny minority. No doubt Byron was an exceptionally charismatic figure; his lifetime royalties from John Murray, his major publisher, amounted to £60,000, when he died at the age of 36. That is the equivalent of £3 million of modern money, earned at a time when British national income in real terms was about 1 per cent of what it is now. In terms of his share of gross domestic product, Byron earned the equivalent of £300 million in 16 years, which is far more, proportionately, than Jeffrey Archer's royalties.

English poetry earned its wide audience in the Elizabethan period, and retained it until after the second

William Rees-Mogg

world war. The first half of this century saw the poetry of the modernists, such as W.H. Auden, T.S. Eliot and Ezra Pound, but also the traditional poetry of W.B. Yeats, Rupert Brooke and Rudyard Kipling. The second half of the century has had a sharply declining audience and most of the poets have enjoyed less celebrity and lower standing. Most people of general culture have ceased to read contemporary poetry. Since Philip Larkin died, the only living poets whose names are widely known to general readers are Stephen Spender and Ted Hughes.

This contraction of the audience makes the current row in the Poetry Society a remote squabble of an esoteric group, rather as disputes over the administration of British chess might have seemed a generation ago. Chess now has far more interested followers than modern poetry. Yet this decline of poetic appreciation deprives public debate of the understanding which used to come from the poet's comments on contemporary life. Poets have an awareness of the subconscious moods of nations.

Where the poetic voices are speaking they can explain a society to itself in a way that is hard to do in prose, even in prose fiction. The Victorian period had a unique group of English novelists, all with acute powers of social observation: Anthony Trollope, George Eliot, William Makepeace Thackeray, Benjamin Disraeli, Charles Dickens. Yet none of them describes the anguish of Victorian consciousness as deeply or as concisely as Browning, Tennyson, Arthur Hugh Clough or Matthew Arnold. If one wants to understand that century's mixture of creativity and pessimism, one does better to read the poets than the novelists, and better to read the novelists than even the most gifted critics and journalists.

Matthew Arnold is now little more than a name to most educated British people who have not read English literature at university. I am sure that one could win an A at A-level without having had to read a line of him. He too could write the anthology lyric. *Requiescat* opens with the lines, once so familiar:

Strew on her roses, roses,
And never a spray of yew

His penetration in describing the post-Darwinian loss of faith is most moving.

The sea of faith
Was once, too, at the full, and round earth's shore
Lay like the folds of a bright girdle furl'd;
But now I only hear
Its melancholy, long, withdrawing roar

There is hope for English poetry, but it rests on one heroic figure. Many of our cultural heroes have lost their powers over the modern mind. I have a set of 18th-century library busts: Pope, Dryden, Milton and Shakespeare. However much I admire them, I know that Pope, Dryden and even Milton have become scholars' poets; ask an audience at Covent Garden who has ready Pope's *Essay on Man*, Dryden's *Absalom and Achitophel* or Milton's *Paradise Lost* in the past five years and perhaps one hand in 100 would rise. But Shakespeare lives. Now that the King James Bible has been relegated to the lumber room of the Church of England, Shakespeare is our dominant cultural influence, a sun burning in a starless sky. Dryden wrote that he was "proud to be less, but of his Godlike race". William Shakespeare is the great survivor in the shipwreck of English poetry.

Shakespeare has talked to the concerns of each successive generation. Most recently he has spoken for the women's movement, though he was far from politically correct. *Much Ado About Nothing* and *The Taming of the Shrew* have moved up the canon because they so clearly state a modern woman's point of view. Beatrice in *Much Ado* — my mother's favourite part when she was on the stage — is the ideal woman of spirit of the late 20th century, and it is no wonder that there should be a performance in London, another in Edinburgh and a new film in the same month. Shakespeare understood what no one else understands; that is what poetry is for.

Voters who can't be bought

Recovery may not reinforce Tory support, says Peter Riddell



Share prices are booming. Industry's order books are at their highest level since early 1990. Consumer confidence is rising. Everything seems to be coming right, even if rather too late for Norman Lamont, the long-suffering gardener of the green shoots. But the outlook for the Tories may not be as rosy as the recent blossoming of optimism implies.

The one solid belief Tory MPs have after the storms of the past year is that recovery will lift the party off the rocks and into strong currents leading towards a fifth election victory. The hope that "the recovery will save us in the end" has given more freedom to Tory rebels: if the economy is going to be the saviour, then disunity now does not really matter.

However, as Rupert Darwall, former special adviser to Mr Lamont, recently suggested, Britain could be experiencing "a voteless recovery". Not only may the character of the recovery be less politically beneficial than past recoveries have been, but the actions needed to ensure sustained growth without inflationary and current account strains may win few friends.

The optimists' case is that, by the next election, the economy must be stronger than it was in April 1992. Then, most indicators, apart from inflation, were heading in the wrong direction with little firm evidence of an end to the recession. That should be different next time. Even the most cautious of the Treasury's seven forecasting sages accepts that the economy should grow, and unemployment at least stabilise, over the next two years.

There are always time lags. A few months of reasonable economic statistics have not yet affected voting intentions, though the latest MORI poll for *The Times* suggests that the Tories' rating may at last have bottomed out. It was the same in the mid-1980s. Alan Clark records in his *Diaries*, the most revealing and entertaining political book of the year to date, how Carol Thatcher "used to tell me how dejected she [Lady Thatcher] became in 1985 when all the economic indicators were looking good but people still wouldn't respond". That changed by the June 1987 election and, similarly, the Tories' poll rating should recover over the next couple of years.

But that does not guarantee electoral victory. As the Tories' ability to win last year showed, the relationship between the economy and votes is complicated. In April 1992, the public was angry about the recession, but for many in work living standards were flat, rather than declining. Voters also did not believe they would be better off under Labour.

Despite his long period at the Treasury, John Major himself was not blamed for the recession, which originated in mistakes made in the Thatcher/Lawson era. But the failure to live up to campaign promises of an early recovery has shifted the blame. Hence Mr Major may not get the credit for the belated recovery, despite government's claims about taking necessary tough action to cut inflation.

The political impact of the 1989-92 recession may be longer lasting than the early-1980s downturn. That is partly because the Tory heartlands in southern England suffered much more this time. Services were hit as well as manufacturing. House prices dropped sharply, which depressed peoples' view of their own wealth and well-being.

The housing market has now begun to pick up and the number of home-owners with negative equity has dropped sharply (though it is still a big factor in the south). A recent report from Warburg Securities suggested that the financial position of households has improved substantially in the last couple of years.

Ordinary voters may not, however, benefit as much from recovery as they did during the 1980s. Admittedly, retail sales and consumer confidence have risen this year, and falls in interest rates have boosted disposable incomes, while unemployment has fallen in five of the past six months. But these improvements have not reversed the impact of the recession.

People are much less optimistic about their own positions than about the economy as a whole. More people still expect their personal finances to deteriorate over the next 12 months than expect an improvement. That partly reflects the slowdown in earnings growth. Many people who bought homes in the late 1980s, especially in southern Tory seats, are still worried about their value and will not quickly forget the traumas of recent years.

There is little "feel good" factor. In economic terms, that is desirable. If growth is to be sustained, then the emphasis has to be on exports, investment and reducing the public sector and trade deficits rather than on personal consumption. Nobody wants a consumer boom like the one in the late 1980s. Whatever Kenneth Clarke decides to do in the Budget, the deferred tax increases announced by Mr Lamont last March will cut disposable incomes and consumer spending next year. The only question is how much further Mr Clarke decides to tighten fiscal policy. Even if the optimists are right and consumer spending becomes stronger, government actions may dampen it down before long.

We are still paying for the excesses of the second half of the 1980s, a consumer-led boom and sharp rises in public spending. These have helped the Tories win past elections. But they will be of no help next time if the economy is to be put right. Hoping to get the economic cycle in line with the electoral cycle will not be enough. The Tories will not be able to buy victory next time. They will have to earn a fifth term.

Freudian cut

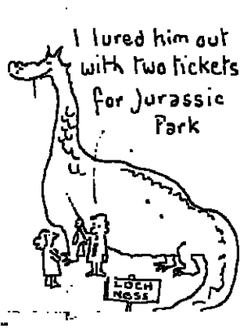
NEXT MONTH'S Lucian Freud exhibition at the Whitechapel Art Gallery is eagerly anticipated, for it offers more than 70 works by the great British artist. When the show moves on to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York in the autumn, however, one painting will not be going.

The work concerned is "Fragments of Leigh Bowery", and one hardly needs to guess which fragments of Bowery's portly body Freud has chosen to depict in detail. While the Whitechapel believes the painting should go on show, the Metropolitan has decided it is too risqué for the sensitive New York public.

Originally the painting was a full-length portrait of Bowery, who has been Freud's male model for the past two years. The artist disliked the work, however, and cut it down to the existing rather direct canvas which measures about 3ft by 18in.

Freud's decision does not impress Mary Whitehouse, the tireless campaigner for a decader at all that the Americans won't show it," she says. "I do think it's an insult to viewers to assume that they are going to be at all interested in that part of the body. To some extent I think it does show the sensitivity of the US compared to Britain."

● *With all eyes on Edinburgh, August is usually a restful month for the Loch Ness monster. Not this year. Tomorrow Andreas Tschinkl, a Bavarian performance artist, leaves the Edinburgh gallery where he has been exhibiting for a one-off performance near Urquhart Castle. He hopes to tempt the monster by sinking a bull's head in the loch. "I think it will come up at night. I hope everyone stays until then."*



DIARY

No goodies

LORD Goodman's 81st year has not started well. Despite a convivial banquet for 400 last Sunday in Lincoln's Inn for his birthday, there has been a rash of negative reviews for his memoirs, *Tell Them I'm On My Way*. And, to compound the injury, Goodman, described by reviewers variously as complacent, conceited and pompous, has yet to receive his birthday present.

Friends and colleagues of the great solicitor have amassed a considerable sum for a gift and Goodman, who during the 1960s and 70s advised Harold Wilson, Edward Heath and Jeremy Thorpe, says he has "confidence in the people intending to give it", but nothing has appeared yet. "I originally asked for a set of *The Encyclopaedia Britannica*, but then I changed my an old set. I am trying to remember whatever else I asked for. But whatever it is, it has not yet arrived."

Study in penury

WILL 1994 be the last great year for students' social activities? Certainly, government plans to restrict state funding for unions on the campus are having some odd side-effects. They appear to exclude not only some of the more extreme political organisations, but also innocuous groups such as Durham University's Classical Society.

Dr Oliver Dickinson, chairman of the university's classics department, says the society stands to lose the bulk of its funding, around £1,000, from the campus NUS. "They think we are spending our don't approve of. But we go on trips to Hadrian's Wall, and spend money on lecture programmes and restaging some of the great Latin comedies."

● *Cardinal Cahal Daly will not be impressed. The Irish ambassador, Joseph Small, is holding a reception during the Tory party conference in the Masonic Suite in Blackpool's Imperial Hotel. Despite the ban on Catholics becoming masons, Kevin Thomas from the Catholic Media Office is relaxed: "I'm sure it's coincidental that the ambassador chose a masonic suite. There's no connection."*

Up periscope

THE man must have second sight. Jack Higgins's latest the story of U-boat U534, winched to the surface of the Baltic Sea last week. Nazi documents have been found on it which may include details of deals struck between Nazi officials and other governments towards the end of war. *Thunder Point* tells of a U-boat that sank at the end of the war (U534 sank in May 1945) in the British Virgin Islands, on its way to South America. On board were documents listing, among other things, Nazi sympathisers in the British Establishment. The British government dispatches a former IRA terrorist to retrieve the documents. There, one hopes, the similarity stops. John Major is in Portugal until next weekend and has no plans, Downing Street insists, to rush out to Denmark.

● *Persuading staff at* The Observer *to abandon their profligate ways is obviously going take* The Guardian *some time. On Friday, Richard Brooks and Andrew Culf, media correspondents for* The Observer *and* The Guardian *respectively, travelled by train to the Edinburgh Television Festival.*



Everyone kept Mitford's letters, except the publisher

A bit of Mitford lost in the mail

NEXT month sees the first full publication of Nancy Mitford's letters. Well, almost full. Hamish Hamilton, which published Mitford's novels and biographies, appears to have lost at least 400 letters that she sent to its offices between 1940 and 1973. The book's editor, Charlotte Mosley, who is married to Mitford's nephew Alexander, easily tracked down letters Mitford had sent to her family and to friends such as Evelyn Waugh. Mosley says: continual correspondence with about 20 people. They kept the letters because they were so good." Only the publisher was remiss. Mosley says: "Selina Hastings, Mitford's biographer, saw them, but that was before Hamish Hamilton was bought by Penguin. The letters must have got lost in the move. I rather hope someone has put them in a cupboard thinking they were not important." Mosley should not give up. Hamish Hamilton's Karen

BRITISH INSPIRATION

This week's great scientific congress has no need of panic

As the British Association for the Advancement of Science gathers today at the University of Keele, a familiar sense of uncertainty hangs over its thoughts. The A-level results have shown that too few students want to study science; panic measures are being made ready. There is talk of converting would-be arts students into scientists, or of offering students more generous grants for studying science.

The theory is that the nation's future depends on meeting some arbitrarily defined level of scientific manpower — an idea with more than a whiff of central planning about it. The government is both trying to create an educational marketplace and to distort it. Or at least, that is how it seems.

At the same time, William Waldegrave's White Paper on the organization of science, an admirable document in many ways, has yet to work any miracles with scientific morale. Although research workers are pleased that a minister of cabinet rank is now responsible for science, the key decisions will be made by those chosen to run the newly reorganised research councils. So far, Mr Waldegrave's reorganisation has tended to prove only what had been predicted in advance: that, however you divide responsibilities between the councils, there will always be awkward gaps where the remit of one ends and the other begins.

The problems of science thus remain those of money, manpower, and organisation. Since at least the 1930s, decision makers in Britain have been frustrated by the mismatch between Britain's excellence in science and its lacklustre economic performance. Like a chronically fat man trying one diet after another in the hope of a miracle cure, almost every avenue has been pursued, with little result. In the end nothing seems to make any difference.

The conclusion must be that the wrong questions have been asked. The flap over A-levels is a clear example. Students who have voted against science have done so not only because it is demanding, and often poorly taught, but because they see that other subjects are more materially rewarding. The career of the average young researcher today is a struggle from one short-term contract to another. The security that once came with a tenured job at a university is for many an impossible dream. Their insecurity is not balanced, as it would be in other fields, by correspondingly greater rewards.

If the market place is telling us anything, it is that Britain is not short of scientists. To encourage yet more to embark on this perilous life is not necessarily a good thing. The second myth is that all would be well if better links could be established between the universities and industry. Outside the chemical and pharmaceutical industries, there has been almost an inverse relationship between research and profitability in Britain. The hi-tech companies that have survived have been those which profited from cost-plus contracts with the defence ministry rather than those that have invested heavily in research.

Science is important — to culture, to human health, to the better management of the environment — but it is unjust to lay upon it the burden of Britain's economic decline. There are many ways in which British science could be improved. Among them some attention to the career structure of young researchers should be high on the list. There is a strong case, too, for trying to improve the quality of science teaching, since most creative scientists acknowledge that they were set on their course early in life by talented teachers. But let us hear no more the cry that Britain's potential is being strangled by a shortage of scientists. The facts do not support it. Let us hear, instead, the more positive message that science is a cultural imperative: fascinating, revealing, and the most powerful tool for understanding the world. Inspirational example across the generations is part of the very essence of science. If the British Association lives up to its reputation, there should be plenty of such inspiration from Keele this week.

MENEM'S MISTAKE

A divisive constitutional amendment

The recent, and truculent, resignation of Señor Gustavo Beliz, Argentina's interior minister, has provoked serious internal conflict in the ruling *Justicialista*, or Peronist, party. He has accused President Carlos Menem's inner circle of trying to buy the support of the opposition for a constitutional amendment which has a clear political motive. Señor Menem wishes to amend article 77 of the constitution of 1853, which does not allow a president consecutive terms. No president, the constitution states, can succeed himself. The present incumbent, however, would like nothing better than another term in office.

On balance, Señor Menem has been good for Argentina. In his four years in the Casa Rosada, the economy has rallied singularly from sagging dereliction to something approaching rude good health. This was due to the reforms wrought by the finance minister Señor Domingo Cavallo, which, *inter alia*, ended hyperinflation. Most of the ill-run state sector was privatised, including many sacred cows, and the public payroll slashed. These policies would have been anathema to Señor Menem in his previous political incarnation as the paradigmatic Peronist governor of the province of La Rioja. He has had the courage to change.

He has managed Argentine foreign affairs with skill. Diplomatic relations were re-established with Britain in 1990. For a Peronist president, his approach to the Falklands question has been remarkably free of bellicose posturing. He has sought to ameliorate relations with Britain, in the hope that a solution will emerge from the ashes of old suspicions. It is axiomatic that a rational Argentine approach to the problem, and a preference for pacific methods over belligerent ones, are best ensured by the presence in Buenos Aires of an elected government.

There is, however, a large debit side. Señor Menem, although an elected president, is not perceived as a democratic one. He has a penchant for ruling by decree, which dilutes the separation of powers and the rule of law. Flouting constitutional conventions, he has packed the Supreme Court. Inevitably, the quality of justice has been erratic. His methods have weakened important institutions and there is a strong case for political reform. The procedure for the appointment of a non-partisan judiciary, for example, begs attention. Article 77, however, does not.

Señor Menem contends that Argentina's economic progress can only be guaranteed by his remaining in office. This is not true, for the simple reason that there now exists a pragmatic free-market consensus in Argentine politics. Señor Cavallo's methods have near-total support. This is Señor Menem's greatest achievement. It is also an argument against constitutional change that would allow him to serve consecutive terms. The rule in article 77 exists, in addition, to ensure that an excess of power is not concentrated in the hands of one person.

Democracy, which has bred a new self-confidence, is still not fully ripe in post-Galtieri Argentina. Señor Menem, who could always run again in 2001, is wrong to seek immediate re-election. His impatience could upset Argentina's fragile democratic balance. This could, in turn, imperil Argentine sobriety on the question of the Falklands. The president has divested himself successfully of most Peronist policies. But nothing is as classically, and corrosively, Peronist as an unwillingness to move on.

OUTLOOK CHANGEABLE

The unpredictability of British weather remains a consolation

The August bank holiday marks the end of a summer of discontent. As the north wind blew and the barbecue gathered rust, global warming was revealed as an empty promise. Where was the searing sun, the bursting thermometer, the oceans lapping ever higher around the shore? All gone, along with last year's fashions.

The reality is, however, that this summer has been remarkable only for its ordinariness. Until August, average temperatures were a little higher than normal, though hardly enough to notice, and sunshine and rainfall were close to average as well. August has been notable only for the coldness of the nights, with some places dropping lower than at any time in the past 20 years. By day, temperatures have struggled against chill winds from the north and north west, but rainfall has not been exceptional.

Why, then, has the summer left us with a strong sense of having been swindled? Typical as it may have been, the summer of 1993 followed a series of years that have raised expectations beyond a sustainable level. Throughout the 1980s, each year vied with the last to take its place in the record books, fuelling the conviction that global warming was a reality. This year, we have come back to earth.

Mankind was not put on British soil in order to spend the summer stripped to the waist. Quite apart from the dangers of ultra-violet light, the compensations of an average British summer are many. This year the countryside has escaped the sere and yellow. The trees are fresh, the grass is green, the runner beans are performing miracles, and the bedding schemes of provincial parks glow superbly in the northern light. This is not Tuscany, as if we needed to be told.

Glory be to God for dappled things, wrote Gerard Manley Hopkins, "for skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow". He at least did not repine as clouds pursued each other across an English heaven. How bad can a summer be that has seen six Test matches, and the whole of Wimbledon, completed with hardly an interruption for rain?

Cool climates breed cool thinking, too, and we are always in need of that. During the 1980s global warming became too close to an ideology. The evidence that warming has occurred, though powerful, has still to be gathered in. Farmers and holidaymakers may still find it frustrating that the weather can neither be forecast accurately, nor controlled. But as the uncertainties of nature increasingly tremble before the power of science, the unpredictability of the weather

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Tory party dissent and discussion

From Mr Conor D. Burns

Sir, When one of the most successful post-war politicians, Lord Parkinson, makes a contribution to the debate on the state of the Conservative party and government (letters, August 23, 25) he is jumped upon by colleagues as disloyal. Surely it is possible that those with the experience of Lady Thatcher, Lord Parkinson and Lord Tebbit might just have an insight into how we escape from the hole we find ourselves in? It would be disloyal of them not to speak out.

If the leaders of our party choose to ignore their advice they may find they have time to re-learn the art of listening — in opposition.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Laurence Evans

Sir, I find Mr K. R. Warren's insistence on party loyalty (letter, August 23) disturbing. Whatever faults there may be in Lord Parkinson's argument, the right to criticise on matters of public interest should have no barriers. The independent minds of so-called mavericks have nurtured the House of Commons. Winston Churchill, in the 1930s, administered a few justifiable headaches to the Tory establishment, and suffered much abuse in the process.

That party members still challenge philosophies and policies that they feel are damaging to their country is surely the stuff of democracy?

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From Group Captain P. D. Wright, RAF (retd)

Sir, Mr Birnberg (letter, August 25) puts the case for the establishment of "an authoritative national 'think-tank' with representation from all the political parties and appropriate pressure and interest groups to diagnose our discontents and to prescribe at least a programme of minimal agreed remedies and action". In my naive way I thought we already had such a body in that large building at Parliament Square.

Yours sincerely,
PETER WRIGHT,
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Andover, Hampshire.
August 25.

Financing the BBC

From Ms M. Quass

Sir, The first of your alarming reports (August 20, 21) indicating that the BBC may be forced to cut the licence fee suggests that such a move would be "widely welcomed by viewers' organisations".

This is certainly not true of the Voice of the Listener and Viewer (VLV), the Broadcasting Consortium, or any of the other consumer organisations with which I am connected as a VLV committee member. On the contrary, all are of the opinion that a daily cost of 22½p (half the weekday cost of *The Times*) is excellent value for the quality and variety of the programmes provided and fear that any reduction in real terms would jeopardise the BBC's role as the cornerstone of public-service broadcasting.

In its discussion document, *The Future of the BBC*, the Department of National Heritage lays great stress on BBC accountability towards viewers and listeners. It would be inexcusable if it were to fly in the face of some of its own published findings, which indicate that 66 per cent of the letters received were in favour of the current licence fee as a means of financing, against 16 per cent which were not.

Yours faithfully,
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A study in reds

From Mr Christopher Roden

Sir, In the light of your Diary's comment (August 23) on the forthcoming trip to wine-growing regions in France by the Sherlock Holmes Society of London, it is worth keeping in mind that Conan Doyle's father, Charles Doyle, was an alcoholic. The effect on the author was so great that he used several of his stories, including those of Sherlock Holmes, to warn of the dangers of drink.

Is it not, therefore, something less than a tribute to the character of Sherlock Holmes, and to the author himself, that a society supposedly devoted to the study of Sherlock Holmes should choose to base the promotion of its visit to France on references to brandy and fine wine?

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Penyffordd, Chester.
August 24.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be

Quality and quantity of A levels

From the Director, University of London Careers Advisory Service

Sir, Amid all the discussion about the increased numbers of school leavers who have failed to obtain the A-level grades necessary to meet the offer standards made to them by universities, one point seems to have been overlooked.

With the output of the universities set to double by 1996-7, and with many more entrants obtaining very good A-level grades, employment prospects for some may not be rosy. In a tight labour market many employers rely heavily on high A-level scores for recruitment. All too frequently little recognition is given to the added value of the university degree, particularly when so much recruitment is done in advance of degree results being known. Poor A-level scores are often an absolute bar probably even to a job interview. For many employers the universities simply form the pool in which they fish for the most able A-level scorers.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN STEPTOE, Director,
University of London
Careers Advisory Service
50 Gordon Square, WC1.
August 26.

From Mr R. P. Wilkinson

Sir, Mr Michael Hart (letter, August 24) asked when it will be accepted that A levels have to be replaced by a new five or six-subject curriculum and exam. There is no need for a "new" curriculum: it already exists in the shape of the international baccalaureate.

The IB is accepted in many countries as an entrance qualification for universities; some of them have barely heard of A levels.

Yours faithfully,
R. P. WILKINSON
(Chairman of the Governors),
Sevenoaks School, Sevenoaks, Kent.

From Mr Angus Mackay

Sir, I fully agree that taking five A levels would be much better than taking three. This broader base would provide pupils with a less daunting transition from GCSEs as well as greater flexibility in the choice of university courses.

The AS level is an ill-fitting solution. A more coherent system needs to be found. North of the border a similar five-subject system (taken over one year, thus entailing four years at university in Scotland) is already well tried and tested. England could continue providing A levels extending over two years, allowing universities to adapt with minimal difficulty.

Yours aye,
ANGUS MACKAY
(Science Department),
Pangbourne College,
Reading, Berkshire.

From Dr David Cook

Sir, Councillor Peter Perryman (letter, August 27) deplores the fact that a newspaper was recently able to print an A-level question that four years ago had appeared as an O-level question.

Surely he is not naive enough to believe that the examiners would have been looking for the same answer?

Yours sincerely,
DAVID COOK,
University of Newcastle upon Tyne,
Department of Clinical Biochemistry,
The Medical School,
Framlington Place,
Newcastle upon Tyne.
August 27.

Graduates' repayments

From Professor F. J. West

Sir, Before the Australian higher education contribution scheme (leading article, August 25) tempts any one down the path of requiring graduates to repay their tuition costs after their salaries have reached a certain level, three points should be noted.

It is too soon to know, in Australia, how much money will be repaid because relatively few graduates have yet reached the repayment level. Secondly, any repayments go directly to the government, not to the universities; there is no obligation on the government to put the money collected back into higher education. Thirdly, much of the administration cost falls on the universities.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
F. J. WEST (Pro-Vice-Chancellor,
Deakin University, Geelong, 1986-90),
Churchill College, Cambridge.

Choice salmon: of farm or river?

From Mr J. C. Mathews

Sir, Amongst those who lead our tastes in food there is a vogue for all things wild, especially for wild salmon. In a nation of largely town dwellers one can understand a nostalgic urge for the natural, the wild and free, and a reaction against the farmed and the cultivated.

But can we really tell the difference between the farmed and the free when the salmon is on our plates ready to eat?

Between whole fish on the fishmonger's slab the differences are obvious to those accustomed to handling salmon. The tail is the most significant: it is much stronger and well developed in a wild fish, having propelled it for hundreds — probably thousands — of miles in the open sea, rather than round and round a little cage.

It has also to be admitted that there may be some discernible differences in the cooked fish, although not necessarily in favour of the wild. The farmed fish are less muscular; their flesh is softer, moister and consequently more succulent. Wild fish are much less consistent in quality, depending on their age and freshness.

Wild fish caught in our estuaries have been living on their fat for some time; as a result, the flakes, particularly in the big fish, are coarser and drier.

As to flavour rather than texture, I find it hard to detect much difference: still more difficult if the fish has been subjected to extraneous flavours so beloved by fashionable television and magazine chefs.

The outcome of this modish and ill-founded cult of the wild creature is that it sells at a premium. This encourages the continuation of netting of wild salmon as a profitable business — both legal and illegal. The stock of wild salmon ascending our rivers to spawn is in a perilous enough state as it is without this unthinking pressure from the culinary industry.

I suggest that we should not be so gullible. Buy farmed, not free, if you have a real regard for wild salmon.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN MATHEWS,
Cherry Bank,
Thornleigh Drive, Burton, Cumbria.

Importance of science to students

From Mr Frank Coker, CEng

Sir, Most sixth-formers will study their "best" subjects to A level. But those who aspire to a professional life and have as yet no clear career objective will be wise to keep their options open for as long as possible. Such aspirants, if they are of a logical turn of mind and showed average competence at GCSE level in at least one of the sciences and mathematics, should be strongly encouraged to study maths and at least combined science to A level.

Keeping the options open later still is possibly most readily achieved by a university training in engineering (civil, mechanical, electrical, etc). It is the further development of the logical mind which is important.

Increasingly an engineering degree is recognised as one of the best starting bases for the professions. The Harvard graduate schools of law and of business, I understand, recognised this several years ago and reckon this base to be the source of some of their best student material.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK COKER,
Tyler End, Glebelands,
Penn, Buckinghamshire.
August 24.

From the Director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain

Sir, Every two years the Royal Institution joins with the Association for Science Education in selecting five science scholars from entries across the whole country. Four of the winners this year were girls. The much larger group of short-listed candidates also contained distinctly more girls than boys. However, when I remarked to one of the girls that the composition of the group gave the lie to the old belief that fewer girls than boys took up science, her response was immediate: "But it's quite true that more boys than girls do science; it's just that they aren't so good at it."

Libby Purves ("Shedding science's stigma", August 20) is right to see inspiration, not coercion, as the key to influencing young minds. That has been the goal of the Royal Institution's lectures for young people since the time of Michael Faraday. Out of the more than 30,000 we have welcomed in the last year, I am delighted to tell you and Ms Purves that almost half were girls.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DAY, Director,
The Royal Institution of Great Britain,
21 Albemarle Street, W1.

From the President of the British Psychological Society

Sir, For the last half-dozen years the numbers studying A-level psychology have steadily risen and applications for university places have increased dramatically. The present average ratio of applications to places is 40:1. Yet universities have not reacted by employing more academic staff so that more applicants could be given the chance to study the subject.

Incidentally, the number of female applicants is now well over half.

Yours faithfully,
ANN COLLEY, President,
The British Psychological Society,
St Andrews House,
48 Princess Road East, Leicester.
August 23.

White House ablaze

From Mr Martin R. Davies

Sir, The recently discovered 1814 letter from Martha Washington Peter (report, "Chorus of praise for British when White House burnt", August 24) is strikingly confirmed by a first-hand contemporary account of the burning of Washington, by one of those who personally set fire to the capital.

Among the raiding party was my ancestor Samuel Decimus Davies, a midshipman from HMS *Albion*. A few hours after the events, lying on the ground exhausted, he managed to write a letter to his mother vividly describing the whole expedition. The relevant passage is as follows:

We sent a flag of truce after the battle into Washington to know whether the town had surrendered or not. On entering, the dam rascals fired out of a most elegant house ... They shot the General's Aide-de-camp's horse from under him, killed a corporal, wounded a private and shot the trumpeter's horse. The soldiers and sailors all entered the town. It was quite dark at night and I and four sailors burnt this house with everything in it by order of Cockburn. Next day he sent for me and four sailors to burn the Congress and Senate House. We soon burnt them ... and the President's House.

This letter was among the documents discovered in 1976 in the locked chest of the misdhipman's brother, Scrope Berdmore Davies, one of Byron's closest friends (reports and photographs, December 21, 22, 1976). It is printed in full (with its original mis-spellings and odd punctuation) in T. A. J. Burnett's *The Rise and Fall of a Regency Dandy*.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN DAVIES,
7 Smyth House, Bridge Road,
Leigh Woods, Bristol.
August 24.

Hedging bureaucracy

From Mr Richard Rawsthorn

Sir, On August 17 you quoted a spokesman for the Council for the Protection of Rural England as stating that Peter Ainsworth's bill, which would require farmers to seek local authority approval before taking out a hedgerow, would amount "simply" to local authorities having the right to say "no" to the removal of "the most important hedges". Such a statement is absurd.

Mr Ainsworth's legislation would require, at the very least, an application to the local authority for each removal of or alteration to a hedgerow, and there is no such thing as a "simple" application. There would be officials to consult, forms to fill in, expensive "experts" to be employed to deal with the "experts" whom the local authority would employ (at public expense), and so on — not to mention, in all probability, a fee to be paid on each application.

Farmers and landowners are already groaning under an excess of red tape. The regulation of hedgerows would be a wholly unwelcome addition to this burden.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD RAWSTHORN,
Barcroft, Cliviger,

From Mr H. M. C. Coghill

Sir, We must accept that landscape is a changing phenomenon and that the new countryside under creation will bear little resemblance to the grid-line enclosures of the 1800s. However, we are not setting course for a prairie landscape, as some conservationists would claim.

New hedgerows and new woodlands are a regular sight in many parts of Britain. Norfolk farmers, for instance, have been quietly replanting hedgerows for many years now, and they have been creating new woodlands in areas that are often far from the public gaze. We need positive proposals to maintain this momentum.

Peter Ainsworth's hedgerow bill encapsulates the outmoded, confrontational and impractical methods of the tree-preservation-order fanatics and reflects the dictatorial approaches of local authorities unconversant with the practicalities of rural life.

The key is not to dwell on the past but to look forward to the new rural England.

Yours faithfully,
H. M. C. COGHILL
(Head of Eastern Region),
Savills (Chartered Surveyors),
8 & 10 Upper King Street,
Norwich, Norfolk.

Minimal attention

From Mr Rashaad Thirlway

Sir, The legal profession and others seem determined to expose their shortcomings in your correspondence columns. A few months ago it was diminutive judges (March 29, 30; April 1, 3): now it is small town clerks (August 18, 25). What form of brief is to follow?

Yours faithfully,
RASHAAD THIRLWAY,
30 Finchfield Hill,
Wolverhampton, West Midlands.
August 25.

From the Reverend Warren Greatrex

Sir, Some 30 years ago, when keeping their books for the diocese of Rupert's Land (in western Canada), I sat upon a wooden stool at a sloping wooden desk, using pen and ink on a large ledger, with a postcard pinned above me which showed a clerk in the same position.

Across the card were emblazoned these words: "Looking for someone with a little authority? I have as little as anyone."

Sincerely,
WARREN GREATREX,
The Highlands, Great Doward,
Symonds Yat, Herefordshire.
August 25

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
August 29: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning. The Reverend Roderick Campbell preached the Sermon.

CLARENCE HOUSE
August 29: The Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded Miss Jane Walker-Okeover as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Marriages

Dr W.L. Curati-Alasonatti and Miss J.A. Payne
The marriage between Dr Walter Curati-Alasonatti and Miss Judith Payne took place quietly in Ealing on Saturday, August 28, 1993.

Mr J. Leapingwell and Miss N.M. Hickman
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Robert Leapingwell and of Mrs Thelma Lisney, of Derbyshire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr Richard Hickman and Mrs Peter de Las Casas, of Jersey.

Mr D.L. Pridden and Miss K.A. Everington
The marriage took place on Thursday, August 26, in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, between David, son of the late Mr Thomas Pridden and the late Mrs Clarice Pridden, and Kari, daughter of the late Mr Geoffrey Everington, QC, and of Mrs Laila Everington.

Mr M.A. White and Miss L.J. Whitaker
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 28, in Lyndhurst, Hampshire, between Mr Michael White, of Oxford, and Miss Lisa Whitaker, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Whitaker, of Compton Down, Hampshire.

Latest wills

Recent estates include (net before tax paid):
Mrs Joan Marjorie **Hollway**, of Walton on Thames, Surrey £578,867.
Mr John **Masterson**, of Dorridge, West Midlands £954,662.
Mr Patrick Joseph **Merriman**, of Reasby, Leicestershire..... £819,801.
Gladys **Phillips**, of Chester £745,364.
Elizabeth **Rogerson**, of Branksome Park, Dorset £611,385.
Mr Herbert Henry **Sabin**, of Putney, London, SW15 £1,252,905.
Mr Hugh **Cotton-Smith**, of Haywards Heath, West Sussex £577,798.
Mrs Doris **Sprayson**, of Congleton, Cheshire £1,046,124.
Mrs Valerie Ann **Dick**, of London N7..... £931,627
Mr Cecil William **Duke**, of Keynsham, Avon £743,497
Dr John Trevor Wynne **Jones**, of Wrexham, Clwyd..... £907,455
Mr Robert Thomas **Kerrison**, of Bedford..... £766,308
Noreen Iris **Langford**, of Hove, East Sussex £734,453
Mrs Eileen **Loftus**, of London SW1..... £1,091,474
Henrietta Lily Victoria **Money**, of Petersfield, Hants £973,333

School news

Stonar School
The Autumn Term at Stonar School, Melksham, begins on Monday, September 6, with Musonda Chibwe as Head Girl. The British Inter-Schools' One Day Event Championship is on September 11 and 12 and term ends with the Carol Service in Bath Abbey on Friday, December 17, 1993.

Birthdays today

Dr Barbara Ansell, rheumatologist, 70; Sir Harold Atcherley, former chairman, Toynbee Hall, 75; Lord Brain, 67; Sir Patrick Branigan, QC, former Attorney-General, Gold Coast, 87; Sir Keith Bright, former chairman, London Regional Transport, 62; Sir Charles Burman, former chairman, Tarmac, 85; Mr Allan Davis, theatre director, 80; Mr Kenneth Gill, trades unionist, 66; Dr A.B. Gilmour, former director, NSPCC, 65; Mr M.R. Harris, company director, 71; Lord Healey, CH, 76; Air Marshal Sir Frank Holroyd, 58; Lord Keith of Castleacre, 77; Sir Desmond Lee, former president, Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 85; Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter, former chairman, British Medical Association, 59; the Countess of Longford, 87; Miss Sue MacGregor, broadcaster, 52; Dr Peter North, QC, vice-chancellor-elect, Oxford University, 57; Sir Peter Parker, former chairman, British Railways Board, 69; Mr John Peel, broadcaster, 54; Sir Henry Phillips, former colonial administrator, 79; Miss Pamela Stringer, former headmistress, Clifton High School for Girls, 65; Professor J.M. Thoday, geneticist, 77; the Very Rev Professor T.F. Torrance, theologian, 80; Sir Philip Woodfield, civil servant, 70; Miss Joan Woodgate, former matron-in-chief, QARNNS, 81.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jacques-Louis David, painter, Paris, 1748; Sir John Rennie, civil engineer, London, 1794; Mary Shelley, author of *Frankenstein*, London, 1797; Ernest Rutherford, Baron Rutherford of Nelson, physicist, Nobel laureate 1908, Spring Grove, New Zealand, 1871; Raymond Massey, actor, Toronto, 1896; John Gunther, journalist, Chicago, 1901.

DEATHS: Francis Baily, astronomer, London, 1844; Feargus O'Connor, Chartist leader, London, 1855; Gilbert Abbott à Becket, comic writer, Boulogne, 1856; Sir John Ross, Arctic explorer, London, 1856; John Francis, sculptor, London, 1861; Georges Sorel, philosopher, Boulogne, 1922; Henri Barbusse, novelist, Moscow, 1935; Sir Joseph Thomson, physicist, Cambridge, 1940.
The first trams began running in Britain, operated by the Birkenhead Street Railway, 1860. The evacuation of children from British cities began, 1939.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines
COMMODORE: M Rotherham - NATO 03.02.94
CAPTAIN: N W Thomas - SA Seoul 23.10.93
COMMANDER: R T Dore - MOD London 02.11.93; C J Parry - MOD London 05.09.93
SURGEON COMMANDER: R Adley - RNH Haslar 03.05.94; W M Edmondstone - RNH Haslar 03.04.94; C G Johnston - RNH Plymouth 26.04.94; D N Tulloch - RNH Haslar 05.04.94

Queens
CHIEF NURSING OFFICER: G M Comrie - MOD London 14.02.94; I B Gauld - RNH Haslar 06.12.93; P M Hambling - RNH Plymouth 13.12.93

The Army
BRIGADIER: A Belsagg - To HQ UKSC(FWD), 30.8.93
COLONELS: J R W Graves - To MOD, 30.8.93; N Munro - To MOD, 3.9.93; M J Ridlington - To MOD, 31.8.93; J B F Kirby - To Royal Sch of Sigs, 30.8.93; R Maxwell - To HQ Wales and WDIST, 31.8.93
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: J G W Andrews RAChD - To RAChD Trg Cen & Depot, 31.8.93; J T Billson AGC(SPS) - To AGC(I) Comp Cen, 31.8.93; P M Campbell QRL - To CATC, 31.8.93; D L Connon Gordons - To be CO 2/51 Highland, 1.9.93; R G Owen REME - To be Comd HQ REME TA, 1.9.93; J A Pinel RE - To MOD, 31.8.93; J M Wells RAMC - To RAM Coll, 1.9.93

Retirements
COLONELS: H G Heap Late RAOC, 1.9.93; A J Swan Late RCT, 5.9.93; W M Robinson Late RAMC, 1.9.93

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: A J M McKeon - To HQ BFC 27.8.93
GROUP CAPTAIN: B P Dogget - To HQ 11 Gp 27.8.93; N C Heath - To MOD 27.8.93
WING COMMANDER: S Gunner - To MOD AFD DAFSD 23.8.93; K D Corrans - To MOD AFD 31.8.93; N K Gillingham - To RAF Halton 31.8.93; P A Reynolds - To SCEA Eltham 31.8.93; C R Parkhurst - To HQ 1 Gp 31.8.93; S V Gardiner - To Staff Coll Bracknell 31.8.93; S C Fuller - To MOD CVE 31.8.93

Veteran flyer lands in record books

Stanley Wood, who flew bombing missions over the trenches in the first world war, has taken his place in the *Guinness Book of Records* as the oldest pilot flying, at the age of 97.

Mr. Wood, of Shoreham, West Sussex, still flies aircraft several times a year and is an honorary member of his local flying club. Peter Eager, of the Southern Aero Club, said: "He's a very agile man for his age although these days he never actually takes off without a co-pilot on board."



King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway celebrating their silver wedding anniversary at a dinner party at the Royal Castle in Oslo at the weekend. King Carl Gustaf of Sweden, King Juan Carlos of Spain and the Princess Royal were among the couple's guests

Churches offer thieves easy pickings

BY A STAFF REPORTER

COUNTRY churches in the South are facing their "worst enemy since Cromwell", according to detectives investigating a spate of burglaries.

Officers are convinced that many of the oldest items are sold in America and on the Continent after being shipped out of the country by corrupt dealers.

An entire stained glass window is among items stolen in a series of "soft target" raids on churches this year.

Recently St Andrew's Church, in Wheatfield, Oxfordshire, lost a Grinling Gibbons mahogany table, which turned out to be worth more than £150,000.

Police also cite raids in Hampshire, Wiltshire and Buckinghamshire in which artworks, registers, chalices and even antique cruet sets have been stolen. A Hampshire church lost a picture attributed to the 17th century Italian Guercino when thieves visited the unlocked building. Many items are uninsured because the churches cannot afford the cost.

Detective Constable Jim Hill, Thames Valley police antiques officer, said: "In the past few months, churches have faced their worst enemy since Cromwell."

Archaeology

Pottery remains show Nile delta is sinking

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ANCIENT Egyptian pottery fragments have shown that parts of the Nile delta are sinking faster than scientists had calculated. This could lead to a loss of arable land and a food crisis in Egypt next century.

The pottery was found by chance in deep bores drilled by American investigators studying subsidence in the delta, which spreads out north of Cairo in a huge triangle reaching the Mediterranean coastline. It has been dated to between 3,600 and 2,000 years ago, and in all cases the shards were significantly more recent than radiocarbon dates obtained from nearby organic matter.

The discovery of pottery at these depths suggests that the delta area is sinking more than one and a half times faster than calculations based on radiocarbon, Daniel Stanley and Andrew Warne report in the journal *Geology* this month. The subsidence is due partly to the weight of the sediments; in most deltas fresh silt is deposited to maintain the level, but since the Aswan dam was built the Nile has no longer had such refreshing annual inundations.

Earlier this year, Stanley and Warne reported in *Science* that subsidence ranged from one to five centimetres per decade in different parts of the delta: the archaeological evidence now increases those figures significantly, while at the same time the rise of sea level of a centimetre per decade along the Mediterranean shore threatens erosion and flooding, and inland seepage of saline groundwater.

One factor not yet fully evaluated is the extent to which the pottery may have sunk through the silts to a lower and earlier level than its age suggests: archaeologists are well aware of the amount of bioturbation that can be caused by earthworms and other burrowing creatures, which enables heavy objects to move downwards.

Lagonda abandoned in shed to sell for £25,000

BY JOHN SHAW

A 1934 Lagonda, hidden away in a leaky shed for 28 years, is expected to sell for about £25,000 at Sotheby's.

The car was discovered in the grounds of a rundown mansion in Dyfed, South Wales, by Mike Worthington-Williams, the firm's classic car consultant. "It is totally fresh and complete, just as it was when it was put into storage," he said. "It does not seem to have turned a wheel since 1965," he said.

The 4.5 litre car was parked in an old wagon shed. "The paint is peeling, the hood is in tatters and the leather seats are shabby ... But the engine still spins and the Vanden Plas body is complete. I should think you could get the engine running again in a week." Mr Worthington-Williams added that a good restoration would take several months but could result in a car worth more than £50,000.

He described the car as one of the most desirable of the 1930s. It is being sold by the widow of the owner, who had not realised its importance to motoring enthusiasts.

The auction will be held at the RAF Museum in Hendon, north London, on Saturday.



The 4.5 litre Lagonda that has lain undriven since 1965

Observing the sky at night in September

BY MICHAEL J. HENDRIE
ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY is an evening star but as it sets less than an hour after the Sun it will not be visible in September.

Venus is a brilliant morning star of -3.8 magnitude in the constellation Leo. Rising at 02h on the 1st it will not rise until 03h 30m by the 30th as it begins to close with the Sun. However it will remain a morning star until the end of the year, though in twilight through November and December. The planet passes only half a degree, a Moon's diameter, north of the bright star Regulus on the morning of the 21st. Crescent Moon to the south on the 14th.

Mars is low in the western sky after sunset until the end of the year and will not be easily visible, though an opportunity to see the 1.6 magnitude planet in binoculars may arise on the 6th/7th when it passes only a degree to the south of -1.6 magnitude Jupiter. Thin crescent new Moon to the south on the evening of the 17th.

Jupiter, being near Mars and in Virgo, is also setting less than an hour after the Sun by the 30th.

Saturn retrogrades slowly through Capricornus, the 0.4 magnitude planet setting by 02h late in the north. Gibbous Moon to the north on the 26th/27th.

Uranus is 5.8 magnitude and reaches a stationary point in Sagittarius on the 27th after which its motion will be direct or towards the east again. Moon to the north on the 23rd/24th.

Neptune is 8 magnitude and is stationary on the 30th. It sets with Uranus by 22h 30m late in the month.

The Moon: full Moon, 1d 03h; last quarter, 9d 06h; new Moon, 16d 03h; first quarter, 22d 20h; full Moon, 30d 19h.

Sunset on the 1st is at 18h 50m and on the 30th at 17h 40m while sunrise is at 05h 10m and 06h 00m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight ends at 21h 00m and 19h 30m early and late in the month and begins again at 03h 00m and 04h 05m.

Algol, the eclipsing variable star in Perseus, fades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours and can be seen when faint in September about the following times: 18d 02h, 20d 23h and 23d 20h.

The autumn equinox, when the Sun crosses the equator from north to south, occurs this year at 23d 00h. The full Moon nearest to the autumn equinox is called the Harvest Moon, so this year it will be that on September 30. The Moon will also be at apogee, its farthest from the Earth on that date, so will appear slightly smaller than at some other times.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

Preliminary reports of the August Perseid meteor shower show that the exceptional activity predicted by some astronomers for the 11th/12th did not materialise. Clouds prevented anything being seen over much of Britain. Observations soon after dark by the writer in eastern England in poor conditions showed no unusual activity.

First reports from other countries as well as parts of the northern British Isles that peak rates of 200-300 per hour were reached do not seem to be borne out by experienced observers in Portugal and elsewhere who had excellent conditions that night. The usual peak annual rate is only 40-80 per hour and is for a single observer with a clear dark sky. It is usual to correct meteor rates for the distance of the radiant from the zenith, to allow for changing altitude throughout the night.

Activity on the evening of the 12th/13th showed only 30 or so per hour but maximum activity probably took place during the afternoon of the 12th. The skies that night were cloudless over much of the British Isles and had this clear spell occurred 24 hours earlier we should all have seen a fine near-normal Perseid display of about one meteor every one or two minutes.

Experienced meteor observers consider these rates as quite exciting: there are only three or four nights each year when this level of activity can be seen and on a night when no major shower is operating one would be lucky to see two or three meteors per hour. Meteor "storms" of thousands per hour occur only two or three times each century and may last only minutes.

The small particles making up a meteor stream are only visible when they enter the Earth's atmosphere, so our knowledge of the positions of their orbits and distribution of particles along the orbits comes only from observations from previous years.

A study of the activity in 1991/92 suggested a narrow stream of particles that the Earth had not entered previously. Strong showers associated with other comets have often taken place when the parent comet has recently passed the Earth and Sun, as the Perseids comet Swift-Tuttle did last December.

When all reports are in, astronomers will know more about the Perseid stream. If they confirm near-normal rates then strong activity is 1994 is much less probable, though still possible.

☐ *The Times month-by-month guide to the night sky in 1993 is available from bookshops at £2.99, or by post from HarperCollins Publications, Distribution Centre, PO Box, Glasgow G4 0NB. Please enclose £1.60 for post and packing.*

Nature notes

BRITISH herons do not travel far, but they are being joined now by migrants from further north in Europe. When several are fishing near each other in a shallow pool, they form a striking tableau, all motionless in different poses as they wait to stab at their prey. Young Canada geese are swimming about with their parents: they have a brown neck, not the glossy black neck of the adults. Wheatears are turning up on open ground as they come down from the moors: they are dapper grey birds with a black patch round the eye, and dark wings. They bob up and down, and dart rapidly after insects.

Restharrow is growing in chalky fields: it is a pink, pea-like flower that creeps along the ground with woody stems.



The wheatear

Fleabane is out in damper spots: its leaves are woolly, its flowers are like small yellow suns. The bright red berries of cuckoo-pint, or lords-and-ladies, gleam in the shadow of the hedges. A new generation of wasps is swarming out of the nests: after mating, the males will die, but the fertilised females, or queens, will hibernate and build a new nest in spring. DJM

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BIRTHS

BYERS on August 26th at Queen Charlotte's, to Tikki (née Grinling) & Paul, a son, Alexander Jonathan David.

CORRIDAN on August 8th to Caryl (née Coupland) & David, a son, Andrew George, a brother for Patrick & Gemma.

DEAR - On August 19th in New York to Janis (née Orr Ewing) and Paddy a son (Frederick Edward Gauntlet).

WEAVER - On August 25th in Lisbon, to Sophia (nee Bergqvist) and Philip, a son, Philip Christopher, a brother for Eleanor.

DEATHS

ABSON on 26th August, peacefully in hospital in Bromley, Vivien, beloved wife of William (Walter) and mother of John and Stephanie. Funeral service at 3.00 pm on Monday 6th September, at the Church of St Mary of Nazareth, The Avenue, West Wickham, Kent. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Church of England Childrens Society, Margery Street, London WC1X 0JL.

BAILEY - On August 25th, peacefully, Marion (Marie). Funeral Service on Friday September 3rd at 12.30 pm Westbourne Church, followed by burial at Westbourne Cemetery, Hampshire. Floral tributes may be sent to W. Wraight & Son, The Square, Emsworth (0243) 372255.

DEATHS

GORDON YUSUF CARR. Adored son of Micheal and Bonnie and brother of Laurence, Rupert and Dorothea, died tragically in Lucknow, India on August 20 1993 at the age of 26. He left behind his Indian wife Zeenat, his young daughter Maryam, and newly born son Osamah. The love he gave his family and friends will be missed beyond words, as will his unending vitality and enthusiasm for life. Gordon/Yusuf's undying faith in Allah gave him strength and comfort in his last moments. "We hope and pray that the Lord grant him everlasting peace and bliss in his heavenly abode".

KIMBALL - On August 20th at home in Budleigh Salterton, Gillian, wife of the late Lawrence Kimball. A private funeral has taken place.

SHEPHERD on August 26th instantly in a traffic accident in Natal, South Africa. Lt-Colonel Anthony Burnard Shepherd (Tony) Late Royal Engineers, dearly loved husband of Beth & father of Nigel & Anita.

DEATHS

WEBSTER - On August 27th 1993, suddenly but peacefully at his home in Kilham, in his 72nd year, Robert (Bob) David. Dearly loved husband of Norma. Very dear father of Jackie, Lynne and Robert. Dear father-in-law of Tom, Paddy and Pauline and loving and much loved grandad of Emma and James. Service at All Saints Church, Kilham, on Friday September 3rd at 2.30pm, followed by interment at Kilham Cemetery. Family flowers only please, but, if desired, donations for All Saints Church or The British Heart Foundation may be left at the church or sent to F Kneeshaw & Sons, 58 Richmond Street, Bridlington YO15 3DJ.

WILLIAMS - Rob, on 27th August, peacefully at home, aged 72. Funeral Wednesday 1st September at 11 am at Warrington Church. Family only. No flowers but donations to Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey TW10 6RR.

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OBITUARIES

E. P. THOMPSON



E. P. Thompson, social historian and author of *The Making of the English Working Class*, died on August 28 aged 69. He was born on February 3, 1924.

THE life and work of E. P. Thompson exemplified the social and cultural struggles that were taking place in the Britain of the 1950s and 1960s, a period which gave the working class access to higher education in a way that had never happened before. His writings, polemical, astringent and tough minded, had an imaginative sweep which questioned social complacencies and compelled institutions and individuals to look beyond their own narrow concerns and their conception of their past.

His *The Making of the English Working Class* (1963) appeared a little after the late Raymond Williams's *Culture and Society* (1958) and Richard Hoggart's *The Uses of Literacy* (1957). In a sense its concerns are cognate with theirs, while it takes the industrial past as its starting point, immensely extending their frontiers and amplifying their scope. When the work appeared, it astounded Thompson's contemporaries by the sense it communicated of recreating history in the flesh. In Thompson's own words — perhaps the most quoted words from his writings: "I am seeking to rescue the poor stockinger, the Luddite cropper, the obsolete hand-loom weaver, the Utopian artist, and even the deluded follower of Joanna Southcott, from the enormous condescension of posterity." In its passionate exposition of the living conditions and aspirations of the working class in the period after 1790 it altered the parameters of historical writing. It offered the most compelling anaylsis of class yet presented by any British historian. It established Thompson as a major figure in the New Left movement in the Britain of the 1960s.

E. P. Thompson was much in the public eye for a range of activities: campaigns for freedom from persecution in eastern Europe, for nuclear disarmament, for dialogue between East and West. His teaching years at the Centre for Social History at the University of Warwick were also influential ones. His well-publicised departure from the Communist party in the wake of the Soviet suppression of the Hungarian uprising of 1956 added another dimension to the reputation he had already garnered through his first book, *William Morris, romantic to revolutionary* (1955). But it is his writings that are his most enduring monument.

Edward Palmer Thompson was the son of Edward John Thompson, a Methodist missionary who had worked in India. Thompson senior was a scholar and poet, a friend of Rabindranath Tagore and the Nehrus. When he returned from India he became a tutor in Bengali and Sanskrit at Oxford. Thompson's mother, Theodosia Jessop, had also been a missionary, in Lebanon.

Thompson went to school in Oxford, before going up to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he eventually took his degree in 1946. During the second world war he spent some time serving in a tank regiment in Italy. His brother Frank, to whom he was very close, was dropped by the Special Operations Executive into Bulgaria. There he was captured by the Bulgarian authorities and shot. This had a profound effect on Thompson, and his brother ever afterwards remained something of a hero to him.

Thompson had joined the Communist party at the age of 18. After leaving Cambridge he went to Leeds University where he taught in the extra-mural department from 1948 to 1965. From 1965 to 1971 he was Reader in Social History at the University of Warwick.

In 1955 he published his first major work, a magisterial 900-page biography of William Morris. This was, as Thompson freely admitted, something widely different from a narrative biography. Indeed, he was content to say that Mackail's life of the subject, published more than fifty years previously, covered that aspect of Morris's career quite adequately. Thompson's aim in writing was to disinter what he saw as the essential Morris from beneath the neglect of "middle class philistines". These, as he saw it, had reduced Morris's stature by stressing his achievements "merely" as poet, textile and tapestry maker and typographer. Thompson's account exhumed the prose romances as being, in his opinion, central to Morris's work and emphasised Morris the socialist. It was a view of Morris — not widely shared by the reviewers of the day — that made Morris's politics central to the man and his art. *William Morris, romantic to revolutionary* had a second edition in 1977.

In the year following the appearance of *William Morris* the Hungarian people rose against their Soviet overlords in a revolt that was bloodily suppressed. This denial of basic freedoms led to bitter debate within the communist movement outside the Soviet Union and Thompson occupied a central role in it in this country. Leaving the Communist party, he became the outstanding spokesman for socialist humanism in the English-speaking countries.

By the time of the appearance of *The Making of the English Working Class* it was noticeable that Thompson had abandoned the routine Marxist analysis which insists that all societies are class societies, for a view of the working class which emphasised the power of shared experience and the articulation of identity of interest. In short, Thompson treated the working class as a historical and not a dialectical phenomenon. This gave his study the humane dimension which was to make it such a permanently valuable document. *The Making of the English Working Class* went into a second edition in 1968.

Two years after its publication Thompson went to Warwick University. There he gathered around him a group of young scholars who, under his influence, gave a new impetus and direction to the historiography of the 18th century — the period to which he now turned his attention. *Whigs and Hunters*, which appeared in 1975, was just one of the outward manifestations of this new direction. It took as its subject the Black Act adopted by the Hanoverian Whig parliament in 1723, which, by bringing in the death penalty for almost every offence members of the underclass were likely to commit, provided landed proprietors with a catch-as-catch-can. In an account which let the unvarnished facts speak out eloquently against the enormity of the injustice Thompson provided a damning indictment of the attitude of the ruling class, the "great predators" of the day, to those they governed.

Nevertheless, Thompson was not all moral indignation. He could give vent to zany wit, as in the essay which gave its title to the collection *Writing by Candlelight* (1980). In a completely different vein the acerbic *The Poverty of Theory*, which had been published in 1978, renewed his apologia for his own brand of socialist humanism, and led naturally to his involvement in the peace movement, when that took on a new lease of life in the early 1980s. He remained one of its leading figures and was one of the main speakers at a large Trafalgar Square rally in 1980.

Even though struck down by illness four years ago he kept abreast of the complex issues addressed by the movement, almost to the end, and was seldom silent when conflicts broke out on the world stage. He was not afraid, for example, to condemn the Gulf War as a "bloody disaster" while accepting the fact that the Saddam Hussein regime in Iraq was "no way to conduct human affairs". His was not a mind to duck the equivocal facts that face most liberal intellectuals in a world of often violent politico-military action.

In retirement in Worcestershire, Thompson was working on a study of William Blake, with whose powerful radical intellect his own outlook had much in common.

E. P. Thompson married, in 1948, Dorothy Towers. She, too, was a historian and teacher. She and their two sons and a daughter survive him.

DUDLEY CHEKE

Dudley John Cheke, CMG, former British ambassador to the Ivory Coast, Niger and Upper Volta, died on August 20 aged 81. He was born on June 14, 1912.

DUDLEY CHEKE did not forget the kindness he received and the friendships that he made when, as a Cambridge student reading languages, he lived in Germany during the early 1930s. He was later to repay the debt. Taking leave from his consular post in the Far East, he travelled to Germany shortly before the second world war and helped 12 of his old friends to escape the Holocaust. All of them Jews or with Jewish connexions, whose parents had perished in Hitler's concentration camps, they made their way with Cheke's help to this country, where church organisations had promised to look after them.

They included the Rev Dr Werner Simonson, then a lawyer, whose parents had converted to Christianity and who himself was to become a notable priest in the Church of England. Simonson died two years ago aged 101 and his son was among those attending Cheke's own funeral.

This real life "Pimpernel Smith" (the eponymous hero of the wartime film) was born at Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and went to to Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Entering the Japanese consular service in 1934 he went out to Japan to learn the language and also served in Korea and Manchuria — then under Japanese control.

He was interned at his own house in Mukden, Manchuria, when war broke out but was then repatriated in the mutual exchange of diplomats which took place in 1941 and sent briefly to neutral ground in Mozambique. In the following year, however, he was seconded to the Royal Navy to help de-code Japanese signals and spent the years 1942-45 at headquarters in Mombasa, Kenya, then Colombo, Ceylon.

He met his wife Yvonne on board the ship taking him to Colombo when she was a young officer in the Wrens. They married while out there in 1944 and spent their honeymoon at Kandy. Following the merging of the diplomatic and consular services, Cheke spent four years in the Foreign Office after the war before joining the UK delegation to the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC) in Paris as head of chancery in 1949. He then served in Singapore, 1950-51, during the emergency in Malaya.

After two years as consul-general at Frankfurt, Cheke returned to Japan in 1957 as consul-general for Osaka and Kobe. He ran the consular department in the Foreign Office from 1958 until 1961.

As minister — and for six months *chargé d'affaires* — at the British embassy in Tokyo, 1963-67, he had to look after the Beatles on their world tour. The Beatles refused to attend the embassy party in their honour, however, because some wilder spirits at a similar reception in Washington had tried to cut off locks of their hair as souvenirs. They feared perhaps that all diplomatic parties were like that. Cheke's wife meanwhile taught English to one of the Japanese imperial princesses.

His final diplomatic posting was as ambassador to the Ivory Coast — with responsibility for Niger and Upper Volta. The job called for delicate handling because the long-serving Ivory Coast president Houphuet-Boigny was sheltering Colonel Odumegwu Ojukwu, the Biafran leader during the Nigerian civil war, in contravention of Britain's own policy at the time.

Cheke retired in 1970 to Hampshire where he taught languages for a while at a school in Basingstoke. His chief preoccupation in recent years was a book *Joséphine and Emilie: An Operatic Saga* about two forbears of his wife, Joséphine de Méric and her daughter Emilie who were international operatic stars in the last century. The book is due to be published later this year.

Cheke who loved opera himself, also contributed on Joséphine de Méric and another relative Elizabeth Feron to the *New Grove Dictionary of Opera*.

He was a kind, conscientious, meticulous man. His neat, perfectly formed handwriting reflected the care he took with every detail.

Cheke's wife died in 1991 and he is survived by two sons.



MICHAEL SEELY



Michael Seely, a former racing correspondent of *The Times* died yesterday aged 67. He was born in Nottingham on August 20, 1926.

MICHAEL SEELY was the very definition of a late developer. He was nearly 50 before ever he committed pen to paper for a newspaper. By the time he retired from *The Times* 16 years later he had become a writer who dispensed hard news and shrewd observation of horses and men with an enviable elegance: a fact that was well attested by the admiration of his press room contemporaries who in that short period had twice chosen him as Racing Journalist of the Year: in 1980, when he shared the title with his colleague on *The Times*, Michael Phillips, and outright in 1989.

This was all the more noteworthy because it succeeded a bleak and miserable period of his life when nothing went right. In the immediate post-war years, after leaving the army, a succession of jobs and enterprises foundered. Back in his native Nottingham, it was his second wife, Pat, who inspired him to go to the Labour Exchange and find a job: which he did, as a clerk at the Raleigh bicycle works.

Then, in 1965, came the break that launched him into racing journalism. A chance meeting of his sister, Cherry, and one of *Raceform*'s team of observers secured him a post with the official form-book, and he never looked back.

Michael James Seely was born at the family home, Ramsdale Hall, Arnold, one of a family of five children. His father, James, was a farmer and MFH of the South Notts Hunt. His father was also successful in point to points and, as an amateur under National Hunt rules, was not afraid to tackle Aintree at an age when most riders would have been long retired. In the 1951 Grand National he and Parsonshill, which he owned, trained, and had ridden in several victories, came to grief in the notorious charge to the first fence. The following season, albeit never a danger to the winner, Mr J. Seely and Parsonshill were among nine of the original field of 47 who finished the course.

His father's elder brother, Hugh, was a Liberal MP first for East Norfolk, then Berwick-on-Tweed. He had succeeded to the baronetcy on the death of Colonel Sir Charles Seely and was later created first Baron Sherwood.

In 1944, on leaving Eton, Michael Seely joined the Grenadier Guards. But it was with *Raceform* that he truly found his vocation, for horses had been an integral part of his background since childhood. So when compiling the terse home truths that make up the form-book's interpretation of a race, he was well equipped. At the same time, it was a late and demanding journalistic apprenticeship which unquestionably stood him in good stead when he later graduated to *The Times*.

This happened in 1975. James Snow, this newspaper's Northern racing correspondent, was the lynchpin in a final, most important, turn of the wheel of fortune. Snow was due to retire, and recommended Seely as his replacement, having noted his assiduous and painstaking work in the racing press rooms of the Midlands.

Seely threw himself into the new endeavour with characteristic energy and conscientious enthusiasm: reporting race-meetings from his home course of Nottingham northwards into Scotland; visiting stables in Yorkshire and Co. Durham; widening his circle of racing acquaintance of owners, trainers and jockeys. Thus, by the time he was eventually appointed a main racing correspondent of the paper, a job he did for part of the time in double harness with Michael Phillips, he was already a racing journalist of rare distinction as well as one who was held in immense affection by his friends in the press room.

This was in no small way accounted for by certain eccentricities in Seely's *modus operandi*. For example, although addicted to his mobile telephone on which he endlessly called numbers for which he had an encyclopaedic memory, he was suspicious of certain other aspects of 20th-century technology. His reports, until quite recently, when he mastered the intricacy of word-processing, were all hand-written.

The press room apart, Seely had an enormous gift for friendship in the racing world: a fact to which ample witness was borne at a dinner given in his honour by *The Times* on his retirement in 1991. The guests ranged from the senior steward of the Jockey Club, Lord Hartington, right through the ranks of the most eminent trainers and it is that close-knit community of the Turf as a whole that will be hugely saddened by his untimely death from cancer.

On his retirement, Seely became the chief correspondent for *Horse and Hound* as well as continuing to make freelance contributions to *The Times*, the last of which appeared earlier this year. His second wife, Pat, who had given such sterling and dedicated support to his career, died in 1990. In January this year he married, thirdly, Irene Heath, who survives him; he also leaves the daughter of his second marriage.

TED SHIELDS

Edward "Ted" Shields, former reporter for Reuters has died aged 69. He was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on July 1, 1923.

TED Shields, a softly-spoken man with a dry wit, retired from Reuters at the end of 1988, capping a long career which started in 1949 in Canada with British United Press, a unit of the old United Press, predecessor to United Press International.

For 22 years Shields covered stories from London, Moscow, Warsaw, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin and Frankfurt for UPI. One of his memorable ones was his virtual "brick by brick" coverage of the building of the Berlin Wall.

While in Warsaw, he struck up a friendship with the priest who would later become Pope John Paul II, and in Moscow he covered President Richard Nixon's visits. In 1971, he went to Washington as a UPI reporter and editor for a decade until he joined Reuters as a correspondent and editor for nearly eight years.

His first wife died in 1976. He is survived by his second wife, Barbara.

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QUEEN ASTRID KILLED

From Our Special Correspondent

LUCERNE, Aug. 29

The Queen of the Belgians was killed and the King injured in a motor accident near Lucerne this morning.

The Royal couple were spending a few days in their villa "Hasliborn," at Horw, about two miles south of Lucerne, on the left bank of the lake. This morning the sun was shining and the roads had dried after last night's rainfall. King Leopold and Queen Astrid decided to motor to a spot where they were to make a climbing excursion, and shortly before 9.30 they left their villa, crossed the town of Lucerne and took — on the right bank of the lake — the road leading to Küssnacht and the Lake of Zug. It is a modern road, very wide, and skirts the lake and rich orchards. The party was made up of two cars. The first, a two-seater, was driven by the King himself and the Queen was sitting by his side. The chauffeur was in the dickey behind. The second car, which followed at some distance, contained four members of the Royal suite.

The King's car passed the village of Mörlischachen and was running at about 30 miles an hour on a straight stretch. There was no obstacle in view and the road was in a perfect condition. Suddenly, at 10 o'clock, about a mile from Küssnacht, the right wheels of the car mounted the concrete border of the footpath, on which they ran for about 17 yards to a spot where the footpath sank a little to give passage into a field. Here the King apparently lost control of the car, which turned to the right, descended a steep embankment, and about 20 yards further on struck a tree, against which the Queen was thrown with great violence. The car rolled farther down for another 12 yards, struck another tree, continued its wild run, passed over a stone wall, and fell into the lake 12ft. below. The occupants of the second car and some peasants hastened to the spot. The Queen, with her skull fractured, was found still alive, but she died soon after. The King, who was thrown out and dazed when the car struck the second tree, had injuries to his head and one arm and was tended by a doctor at once summoned from Küssnacht. The chauffeur fell with the car into the lake, here only 2ft. deep, but escaped with cuts in the face from glass splinters.

When the King recovered he made inquiries about the Queen and went to her, calling her by name. He then took her in his arms, where she died shortly after the last sacrament had been administered to her by the curé of Küssnacht, who had been called to the spot.

The King left Switzerland tonight by the St. Gothard-Basle express, which also took the body of Queen Astrid. He was accompanied to the frontier by the Swiss Minister in Brussels, who is taking his holidays in Switzerland, and by Colonel Bardet, of the Air Corps, and two other officers of the Swiss Army. M. Van Zeeland, the Belgian Prime Minister, who arrived by air this afternoon, is also returning to Belgium with the King.

The accident has caused general consternation in Switzerland, where the Belgian Royal couple were great favourites.

ON THIS DAY

August 30 1935

The handsome and charming Queen Astrid of the Belgians was widely popular. She was the mother of King Baudouin who died last month and who at the time of his mother's death, was not yet five.

NEWS

Israel and PLO on verge of deal

■ Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation are on the verge of a ground-breaking deal that could mark the beginning of a Middle East peace settlement.

The Israeli cabinet is expected to approve a plan for Palestinian self-rule in Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho. The deal, reached between Israeli ministers and PLO officials, will be discussed in detail when the peace talks resume in Washington tomorrow ..... **Pages 1, 10**

Files reveal Stasi recruitment drive

■ Documents being studied by MI5 disclose how the Stasi, the former East German secret service, recruited in Britain. The files show that the Stasi made a special effort to recruit scientists and academics and that at least two agents had the task of concentrating on the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament ..... **Page 1**

Killer captured

Moves are underway to plug a legal loophole after the recapture of James Rudman, an escaped killer, an hour before a Mental Health Act order restraining him in a secure hospital would have expired ..... **Page 1**

Peace talks reopen

The Bosnian peace talks reopen for a final barrage of territorial claims and counter claims, with two sides demanding further adjustments to the proposed map dividing the country.... **Pages 1, 9**

Living to 115

Research on worms is raising the prospect of people living to be up to 115 years old, a British scientist believes. Breakthroughs promise to allow people to achieve longer lifespans ..... **Page 1**

Rail plan dismissed

Steven Norris, the transport minister, dismissed as "nonsense" that the government was planning to retreat on rail privatisation amid signs of a Tory rebellion ..... **Page 2**

Union dues

Only 7 per cent of trade union members say they would join the Labour party under the reduced payment scheme proposed by John Smith ..... **Page 4**

Fraudulent market

Manufacturers are pressing the government to plug a legal loophole that allows market traders to escape prosecution for selling counterfeit goods, which they claim is costing them £1 billion a year ..... **Page 6**

Soothing savages

Factionalism in the Conservative party reached a remarkable new high last month when dissidents were frog-marched through the Commons in a confidence vote on Maastricht's social chapter. John Major gave them a stark choice ..... **Page 7**

Clinton battles on

President Clinton felt the same as most people when his first holiday in four years came to an end: he wished he could take another week off ..... **Page 10**

Dam bursts

A dam burst in China's remote western Qinghai province, sending cascades of water that wiped out several villages and killed at least 223 people, officials and local health workers reported ..... **Page 11**

Skydivers in crash

Minutes after a team of 17 skydivers joined hands in a dive they were involved in a plane crash while preparing for their next jump ..... **Page 3**

Town accused

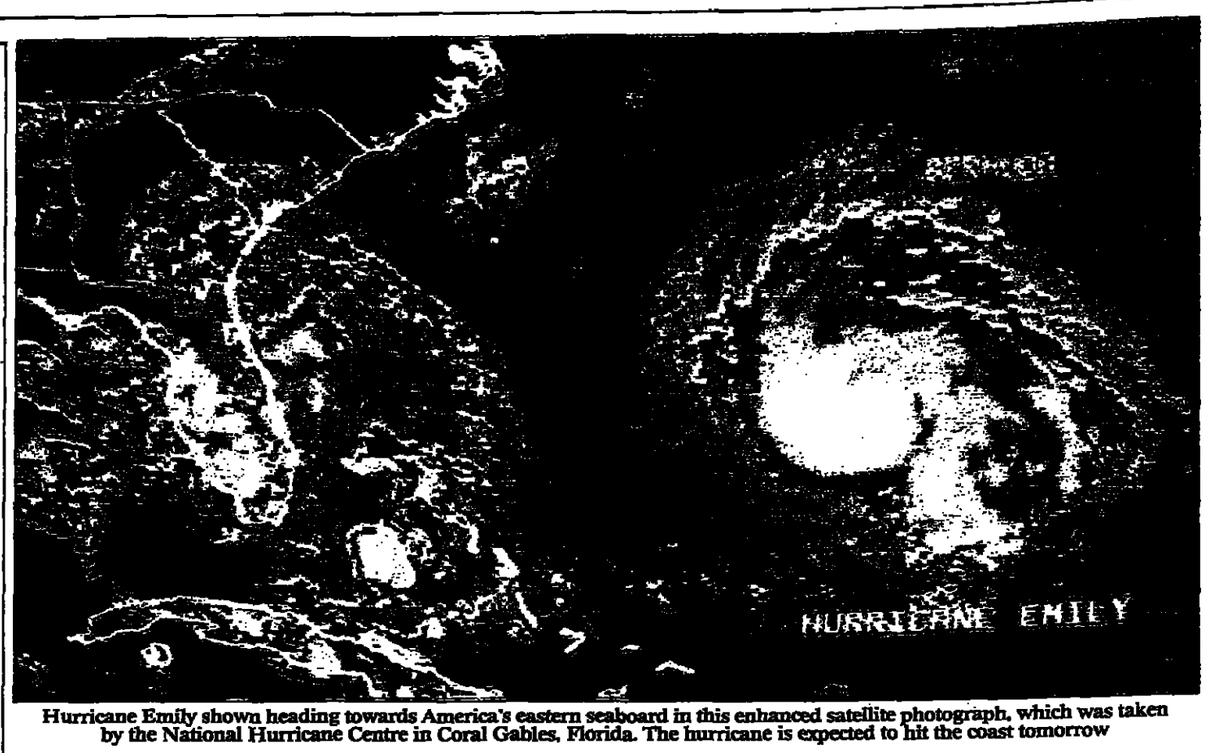
Plans for a clinic for child-sex offenders near a small rural town are being reconsidered after arson attacks and action to stop workmen delivering to the site ..... **Page 5**

Berlin bid

Berlin has embarked on a late sprint to overtake Manchester, Sydney and Peking to stage the Olympics in 2000, but its aggressive marketing cannot blot out the memory of 1936 ..... **Page 11**

Marchers fete Martin Luther King

■ One hundred thousand marchers flocked to the foot of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington on Saturday to commemorate Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, 30 years after the first civil rights march on the US capital. The words of that speech remain a touchstone for black Americans because the ideal vision is still little more than a dream ..... **Page 10**



Hurricane Emily shown heading towards America's eastern seaboard in this enhanced satellite photograph, which was taken by the National Hurricane Centre in Coral Gables, Florida. The hurricane is expected to hit the coast tomorrow

Motor racing: Britain's Damon Hill held off Germany's Michael Schumacher in a closely fought race to win the Belgian grand prix. Alain Prost finished third to clinch the constructors' world title for Williams-Renault ..... **Page 19**

Golf: Bernhard Langer won the German Open by five strokes. Britain's Peter Baker, who shared second place after a last round of 69, will be in the European Ryder Cup team ..... **Pages 19, 26**

Football: England international Alan Shearer came off the substitutes' bench to score an equaliser giving Blackburn Rovers a 1-1 draw. Newcastle United led after a goal from Andrew Cole..... **Page 19**

Illegal trading: Two key directors of Homes Assured, the failed mortgage broker, were convicted of illegally trading while insolvent after jurors reached a verdict over the weekend ..... **Page 36**

Still waters: Two decades after Brighton Marina was planned to rival the Côte d'Azur beneath the cliffs of the South Downs, the dream has still to be realised. Attemtpts are being made to revitalise it..... **Page 34**

Flight of fancy: A maker of microlight aircraft, bought from a receiver for £86,000 less than two years ago, has become a leader by redesigning its products and selling them abroad..... **Page 36**

Theme park mentality: Blind, doctrinaire 'safety' rulings untouched by common sense make life dangerous. They contribute to irritability and rebellion. Libby Purves on the price of liberty..... **Page 12**

Ordered shopping: Reluctant male shoppers take heart: mail order has taken a leap forward in style and content. Iain R. Webb celebrates the new catalogues ..... **Page 13**

Widening gulf: The teaching of information technology in schools will have to change if it is to keep pace with Sonic the Hedgehog and the Mario Brothers..... **Page 31**

Have you heard the one: Until cinema and television, the dominant popular entertainment was the variety show. The end-of-the-pier show is the last remnant of that tradition..... **Page 27**

Street of dreams: Kurt Weill wrote *Street Scene* in the 1940s, when Broadway was the place of dreams. His opera provides one of ENO's most satisfying evenings ... **Page 28**

Rebel yell: The letters of William S. Burroughs chart the rise of the rebel who turned to drug dealing before achieving literary fame in postwar America..... **Page 29**



Kriss Akabusi, the Commonwealth and European champion at 400 metres hurdles, ran his last race at Sheffield yesterday before retiring **Page 20**



Elizabeth Taylor was at Michael Jackson's side to offer him moral support over child abuse allegations as he celebrated his 35th birthday in Singapore **Page 3**



The campaign by Martyn Lewis for more positive and good stories on news programmes will be discussed by the BBC governors **Page 3**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Walking the boards again

■ Forget *Alien* and *Chariots of Fire*. Ian Holm is back on stage for the first time in 15 years, starring in Harold Pinter's latest play

Under public scrutiny

■ Graham Taylor and Bernard Gallacher find themselves under public scrutiny as they reveal their selections for two important sporting events this month. Football World Cup qualification and the Ryder Cup are the prizes at stake

Who needs vigilantes

■ The police may have too much on their hands, but does that mean we need vigilantes?

TV LISTINGS

Robert Duvall and Tommy Lee Jones play old-timers leading a cattle drive in *Lonesome Dove* (BBC1, 9.30pm), an award-winning mini-series credited with helping to revive the Western ..... **Page 35**

OPINION

British inspiration

There is talk of converting would-be arts students into scientists, or of offering students more generous grants for studying science. The theory is that the nation's future depends on meeting some arbitrarily defined level of scientific manpower — an idea with more than a whiff of central planning about it ..... **Page 15**

Menem's mistake

Señor Menem, although an elected president, is not perceived as a democratic one. He has a penchant for ruling by decree which dilutes the separation of powers and the rule of law ..... **Page 15**

Outlook changeable

Typical as it may have been, the summer of 1993 followed years that raised expectations beyond a sustainable level ..... **Page 15**

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

This decline of poetic appreciation deprives public debate of the understanding which used to come from the poet's comments on contemporary life. Poets have an awareness of the subconscious moods of nations ..... **Page 14**

PETER RIDDELL

Consumer confidence is rising. Everything seems to be coming right. But the outlook for the Tories may not be as rosy as the recent blossoming of optimism implies ..... **Page 14**

MATTHEW PARRIS

This could be an important new indicator of economic recession: M7, or velocity of encyclopaedia circulation. The faster the sets of *Encyclopaedia Britannica* are being put back on the market, the sharper the pinch people are feeling ..... **Page 14**

LETTERS

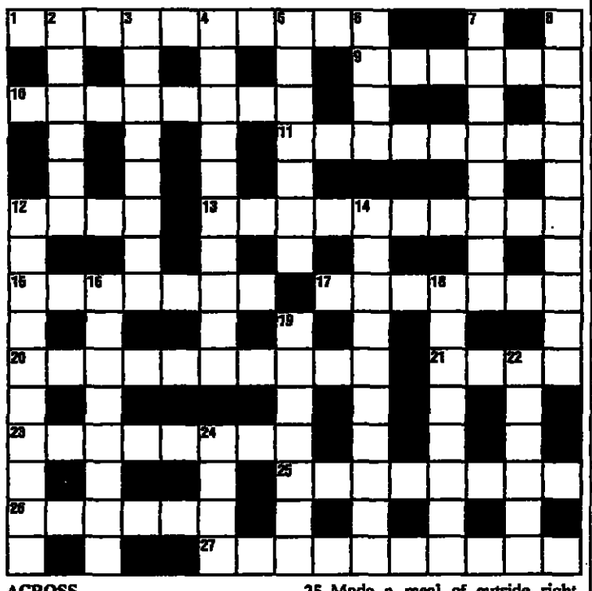
Readers discuss the value of A levels and consider the study of sciences at A level..... **Page 15**

LEADING ARTICLE

Pressure of the sort that led General Babangida to step down should be exerted on his hand-picked successors

— The Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,322



ACROSS

1 A weird memento given by the king shows how the wind blows! (10).
9 City retreat where French pastry is served (6).
10 Delight in appearance on stage (8).
11 In-flight cabaret for travellers waiting for the take-off? (3-5).
12 Figure on entering the Church (4).
13 The time for growth's about over, so putting up the money (10).
15 The whole thing is green — it's revolting (7).
17 Split with some purpose in dress (7).
20 Protocol for the meeting (10).
21 Almost left (4).
23 The foreign dealer who's mean with little hesitation (8).
25 Made a meal of outside right wanting a transfer (8).
26 The woman's taken ill — in a bad way (6).
27 Home where there's real concern for the environment? (10).

DOWN

2 Not oneself, certainly not — gone berserk! (3-3).
3 Foreign nobleman proceeds east (8).
4 Exotic fruit is sent — no game ordered (10).
5 Giving trusted leader cause for treachery (7).
6 Stern nurse (4).
7 This determines how much a person has up top! (8).
8 Used in 27 for increasing strain (10).
12 Feature article about nippy little furry animal (10).
14 Still state guns may be turned on people (10).
16 A temporary housing hold-up (4-4).
18 The musician's fading away as the fellow is able to act (8).
19 Shake and strive to restrain an unruly youngster (7).
22 Moderates put a graduate up (6).
24 Some of the most angelic children may need a smack (4).

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KNOCKANDO
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SCOTCH WHISKY

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,321 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a stationery rack

WEATHERCALL

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National traffic and roadworks

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WEATHER

Southern parts of England and Wales will start cloudy with drizzle but will become dry with sunny intervals. Northern parts of England and Wales, along with Northern Ireland, will be dry with sunny periods. Early mist in some parts of Scotland will clear to leave a dry, bright day, though it will become cloudy in northern areas with patchy rain later. Outlook: mostly dry with sunny intervals, but cloudy in Scotland with drizzle in northern areas at first.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	26	79	s	Madrid	21	70	s
Alicante	31	88	s	Majorca	25	77	s
Alex'dria	31	88	s	Malaga	28	79	s
Algiers	29	82	f	Malta	31	88	s
Amst'dam	19	66	f	Melb'rne	17	63	s
Athens	34	93	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Bah'rain	37	99	s	Milan	23	73	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Montreal*	27	81	f
Barbados*	31	88	t	Moscow	13	55	c
Barcelona	23	73	s	Munich	16	61	f
Beirut	29	84	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Berlin	19	66	f	Naples	27	81	s
Biarritz	21	70	f	N Delhi	36	97	f
Borde'x	22	72	f	N York*	34	93	s
Brussels	17	63	f	Nice	24	75	f
Budapst	13	55	r	Oslo	14	57	r
B Aires*	22	72	s	Paris	21	70	s
Cairo	37	99	s	Peking	31	88	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Perth	11	52	r
Chicago*	25	77	f	Prague	17	63	f
Ch'church	7	45	s	Reykjavik	10	50	f
Cologne	18	64	s	Rhodes	33	91	s
C'phagn	16	61	f	Rio de J	32	90	s
Corfu	30	86	s	Riyadh	43	109	c
Dublin	18	64	c	Rome	25	77	f
Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Salzburg	14	57	f
Faro	26	79	s	S Frisco*	23	73	s
Florence	21	70	f	Santiago*	17	63	s
Frankfurt	19	66	f	S Paulo*	25	77	s
Funchal	23	73	c	Seoul	27	81	s
Geneva	18	64	s	Stckholm	17	63	f
Gibraltar	23	73	s	Strasb'rg	20	68	s
Helsinki	12	54	c	Sydney	15	59	r
Hong K	31	88	f	Tangier	27	81	s
Innsbruck	14	57	c	Tel Aviv	33	91	s
Istanbul	29	84	s	Tenerife	24	76	c
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	29	84	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Toronto*	25	77	s
Karachi	33	91	s	Tunis	27	81	f
L Palmas	24	75	f	Valencia	24	75	f
Le Touet	18	64	f	Venice	17	63	s
Lisbon	27	81	s	Vienna	23	73	s
Locarno	22	72	s	Warsaw	13	55	r
L Angels*	22	72	s	Wash'ton*	34	93	s
Luxembg	18	64	s	Wellington	10	50	s
Luxor	41	106	s	Zurich	18	61	s

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 22C (72F), min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6pm, 42 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 10.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,028.0 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

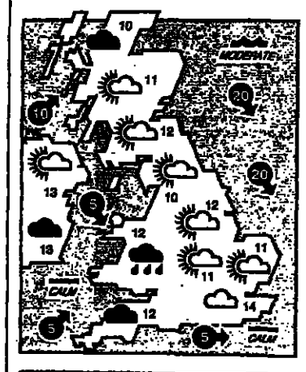
Saturday: Highest day temp: Aboyne, Grampian 22C (72F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Strathclyde, and Benbecula, W. Isles 0.08in; highest sunshine: Scilly Isles 12.3hr.

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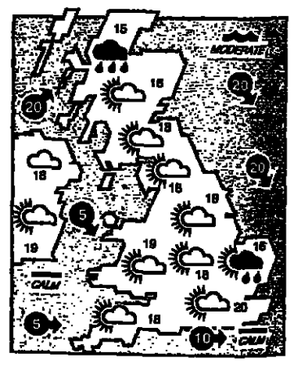
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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.3	-	21	70	bright
Anglesey	10.3	-	18	64	sunny
Aviemore	8.3	-	20	68	bright
Belfast	6.4	-	18	66	sunny
Birmingham	1.7	-	18	64	bright
Bognor Regis	12.1	-	21	70	sunny
Bournemouth	11.4	-	20	68	sunny
Bristol	3.4	-	19	66	bright
Cardiff	6.2	-	18	64	sunny
Clacton	9.0	-	18	64	sunny
Colwyn Bay	9.2	-	19	66	bright
Cromer	X	-	17	63	sunny
Eastbourne	9.1	-	20	68	sunny
Edinburgh	8.1	-	22	72	bright
Eskdalemuir	3.5	-	17	63	bright
Exmouth	2.3	-	16	61	cloudy
Falmouth	6.8	-	19	66	bright
Folkestone	9.3	-	19	66	sunny
Glasgow	8.3	-	19	66	bright
Guernsey	7.7	-	18	64	sunny
Hastings	9.1	-	20	68	sunny
Isle of Man	9.7	-	18	64	sunny
Jersey	9.2	-	18	64	bright
Kinloss	5.7	-	21	70	bright
Leeds	8.9	-	21	70	sunny
Lerwick	0.4	0.02	13	55	rain
Littlehampton	11.1	-	20	68	sunny
Liverpool	8.8	-	19	66	sunny
London	9.7	-	20	68	sunny
Lowestoft	10.5	0.01	18	64	sunny
Manchester	4.7	-	19	66	bright
Margate	11.0	-	19	66	sunny
Minehead	X	-	19	66	bright
Morecambe	8.5	-	18	64	bright
Newcastle	6.7	-	21	70	bright
Newquay	9.9	-	17	63	sunny
Nottingham	3.2	-	19	66	bright
Plymouth	1.8	-	17	63	cloudy
Poole	10.0	-	20	68	sunny
Salcombe	6.2	-	18	64	bright
Sandown	9.9	-	21	70	sunny
Saunton Snd	4.7	-	18	64	sunny
Scarborough	10.2	-	16	61	sunny
Scilly Isles	12.3	-	19	66	sunny
Shanklin	10.5	-	19	66	sunny
Southend	2.0	-	19	66	cloudy
Southsea	10.2	-	19	66	sunny
Swanage	10.8	-	18	64	sunny
Teignmouth	3.1	-	17	63	bright
Tenby	7.4	-	19	66	bright
Tiree	1.9	0.08	16	61	rain
Torquay	3.2	-	18	64	cloudy
Weymouth	5.0	-	19	66	bright

6AM



1PM



London 8.22 pm to 5.40 am
Bristol 8.31 pm to 5.50 am
Edinburgh 8.42 pm to 5.43 am
Manchester 8.34 pm to 5.44 am
Penzance 8.41 pm to 6.04 am

Sun rises: 6.10 am
Sun sets: 7.52 pm
Moon rises 6.46 pm
Moon sets 4.28 am
Full Moon September 1

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YESTERDAY

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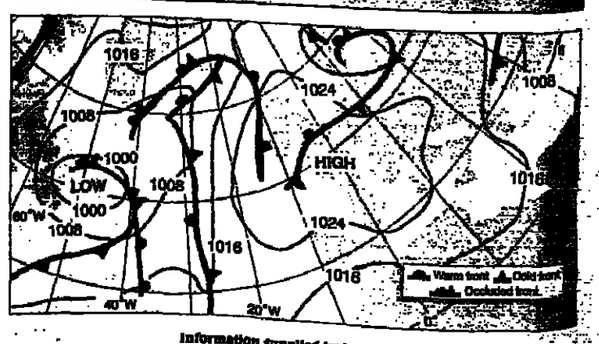
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Belfast	15	59	d	Guernsey	17	63	f
B'mgham	18	64	s	Inverness	16	59	r
Blackpool	16	61	f	Jersey	20	68	s
Bristol	19	66	f	London	20	68	s
Cardiff	19	66	c	M'nchster	17	63	f
Edinburgh	17	63	c	Newcastle	18	64	f
Glasgow	15	59	c	R'nidsway	15	59	d

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.27	6.7	1.46	6.7
Aberdeen	12.49	3.9	1.27	3.9
Avonmouth	6.58	12.0	7.21	12.6
Belfast	10.55	3.1	11.07	3.4
Cardiff	6.43	11.2	7.06	11.7
Devonport	—	—	—	—
Dover	10.57	6.2	11.21	6.1
Falmouth	5.00	4.6	5.15	4.9
Glasgow	12.32	4.6	1.03	4.3
Harwich	11.40	3.8	—	—
Holyhead	10.25	5.0	10.31	5.4
Hull	6.01	6.9	6.40	6.7
Ilfracombe	5.49	8.3	6.08	8.7
King's Lynn	8.12	6.1	6.52	6.1
Leith	2.13	6.1	2.48	5.2

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	11.13	8.6	11.26	9.1
Lowestoft	9.07	2.3	10.00	2.2
Margate	11.57	4.4	—	—
Milford Haven	6.01	6.2	6.19	6.6
Newquay	4.53	6.2	5.11	6.6
Oban	—	—	—	—
Penzance	4.31	4.8	4.46	5.2
Portland	—	—	—	—
Portsmouth	—	—	—	—
Shoreham	11.11	5.7	11.28	5.9
Southampton	11.04	4.3	11.10	4.3
Swansea	5.19	8.5	5.40	9.0
Tees	3.18	4.9	3.54	4.9
W'ton-on-Nze	11.34	3.9	—	—

NOON TODAY



Information supplied by Met Office

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.15
Austria Sch	18.78	17.26
Belgium Fr	57.10	52.70
Canada $	2.109	1.949
Cyprus Cypf	0.796	0.746
Denmark Kr	10.99	10.19
Finland Mrk	9.38	8.58
France Fr	9.29	8.59
Germany Dm	2.569	2.459
Greece Dr	369.59	344.59
Hong Kong $	12.36	11.36
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.05
Italy Lira	2499.57	2344.57
Japan Yen	175.49	155.99
Netherlands Gld	3.00	2.77
Norway Kr	11.545	10.745
Portugal Esc	288.64	260.14
South Africa Rd	5.95	4.95
Spain Pta	211.99	197.93
Sweden Kr	12.77	11.97
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.15
Turkey Lira	19000.0	17000.0
USA $	1.610	1.490

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Music-hall is alive and well at the end of the seaside pier



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Is your child's potential best served by GCSE?



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Homes Assured founder convicted on all counts

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MONDAY AUGUST 30 1993

IAN STEWART



Shearer leaves Venison trailing and prepares to slide Blackburn's equaliser past Srnicek during the 1-1 draw with Newcastle United at St James' Park yesterday afternoon

Shearer shoots sharp reminder

Newcastle United..... 1
Blackburn Rovers 1

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

WHATEVER the gods of the FA Carling Premiership do with their numbers game, the No 9 shirt is and always will be special to St James' Park. The goals yesterday came in the second half from centre forwards wearing the correct shirt and, begging the pardon of young Andy Cole who scored first for Newcastle, the entire country should have been relieved to see the equaliser come from Alan Shearer, a Geordie by birth and the most precious convalescent footballer in England.

We should not even attempt to consider Shearer yet whole, and we should be grateful that his manager, Kenny Dalglish, said: "We set no targets for Alan, we are going to let nature take its course. He has been out for six months, and though medically there is no problem whatever, we will do what is right for him and for the club in making sure that he returns in a way that gets back the sharpness that is the difference between Alan Shearer and the player you saw today."

Hurrah for that. There would be temptations by those who had played less than Dalglish to think in messianic terms of a striker who came on after 68 minutes and, with the first hint of a chance, scored the equalising goal. Even without the cutting edge of pace for which he is renowned, Shearer still knows exactly how to shape up as a centre forward and how to keep the mind cool when the heart must be racing with such an opportunity.

Cole had earlier, on the stroke of the hour, shown that, even where his chances were few, he too has that composure in the finishing act that is a commodity worth millions.

He had laboured throughout the first half, which was disjointed and shapeless. Frissons of energy by the Cypriot, Papavasiliou, received support only from the aging but still articulate football brain of Bracewell.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	5	4	1	0	11	3	13
Liverpool	5	4	0	1	13	3	12
Arsenal	5	4	0	1	8	4	12
Norwich	5	3	1	1	8	4	10
Ipswich	5	3	1	1	8	2	10
Blackburn	5	3	1	1	8	5	10
Coventry	5	2	3	0	10	6	9
Everton	5	3	0	2	7	5	9
Tottenham	5	3	0	2	4	3	9
Aston Villa	5	2	2	1	8	5	8
Sheff Utd	5	2	1	2	8	10	7
Wimbledon	5	1	3	1	7	6	6
QPR	5	2	0	3	8	10	6
Chelsea	5	1	2	2	6	5	5
Newcastle	5	1	2	2	5	5	5
Oldham	5	1	2	2	5	8	5
West Ham	5	1	1	3	3	8	4
Leeds	5	1	1	3	3	9	4
Southampton	5	1	0	4	7	9	3
Man City	5	0	2	3	2	6	2
Sheff Wed	5	0	2	3	1	6	2
Swindon	5	0	1	4	2	14	1

Too many players were prepared to bludgeon, to bodycheck and to stick in the boot, if not always with malice then often with reckless lack of thought for their fellow professionals.

In the dressing-room at half-time, Kevin Keegan did the obvious: he withdrew young Lee Clark from the forward position he was finding so unfamiliar and restored him to midfield, where he promises to be a creator of the future. Keegan switched Robert Lee to support Cole, bringing altogether more logic, enterprise and belief to the striped shirts of Newcastle.

That was when a team that had threatened so little, seemingly overburdened by the mass expectation of 34,272 of their rejuvenated supporters, at last found penetration. In the 51st minute, Lee smartly turned and put Cole through and the centre forward was illegally harassed by Sherwood. Had he gone down under that tackle, he might well have had a penalty but, persevering and controlling the ball well, he wriggled free to beat Mimms with a low shot against the base of a post.

He deserved better, and it came in the sixtieth minute. This time the full back, Beresford, hit an early, angled ball judiciously timed to beat the depressing Blackburn offside trap. And this time, Cole eased himself between May and Berg, and was coolness personified as, like all the great strikers, he seemed to create time in which to find the net with apparent ease from 11 yards.

It was the art of threading the needle and when, after 69 minutes, Cole outpaced May and drew the goalkeeper by swivelling sharply, he let himself down with an impetuous mishit.

That was the last of Newcastle. The emergence of Shearer visibly lifted Blackburn and in the 76th minute it was 1-1. You could not say Shearer was moving as fluidly as before his cartilage operation, but the mind was in exquisite frame.

Sherwood invited him to move with a splendid through ball, Shearer, with calculating presence, waited to elude attempts to play him offside, drew goalkeeper Srnicek and, with unfailing deliberation, sidefooted the ball home from ten yards.

There could have been a winner for Blackburn when, moments from time, Le Saux drifted in from the left and presented May with a clear headed chance, which May fluffed at the far post. But, as both Keegan and Dalglish agreed, a draw was just.

The memory of this Sunday in August was of Shearer wheeling away in delight and throwing himself at the small band of Blackburn supporters, who momentarily stopped shouting that their team was a waste of money.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): P Srnicek — S Watson, B Venison, K Scott, J Beresford — R Lee, L O'Brien, P Bracewell, N Papavasiliou — L Clark, A Cole
BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): R Mimms — H Berg, D May, N Marker, G Le Saux — S Ripley (sub: A Shearer, 68min), T Sherwood, P Anderson (sub: M Atkins, 82min), J Wilcox — K Gallacher, M Newell.
Referee: S Lodge.

☐ David Platt scored on his debut for Sampdoria against Napoli in the opening round of matches in the Serie A in Italy yesterday. Platt and Ruud Gullit, also on his debut, scored in a 2-1 win.

Gallacher to put faith in Spaniards

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN DÜSSELDORF

TODAY, Bernard Gallacher will end the speculation about the three remaining places in his European Ryder Cup team. At the PGA European Tour's headquarters at Wentworth, moments after midday, Gallacher will announce that he has selected Severiano Ballesteros and José-María Olazábal for the match against the United States at The Belfry next month. That is the easy part. The more difficult is selecting the third player to add to the nine who have qualified by right.

It is right that the two Spaniards are in his team. Both have been out of form this season, though Ballesteros showed a welcome glimpse of his ability by finishing joint twentieth in the German Open here yesterday, his best result in Europe since January.

To leave out Ballesteros and his younger countryman, with whom he plays so well, would be tantamount to handing the Americans two or three points. The Spaniards' record of one defeat from 12 foursomes and four-ball matches speaks for itself. What also has to be born in mind is the inspiration that Ballesteros brings to the team.

At The Belfry in 1989, Ballesteros approached Christy O'Connor Jr on the last morning. O'Connor had played poorly up to then, losing the one match he had played. He was nervous. Ballesteros looked his teammate full in the eye. "You will win today," he said.

The effect such a vote of confidence had on O'Connor was increased because Ballesteros had not asked whom he was playing. O'Connor repaid such confidence with a memorable two-iron to the 18th green and victory over Fred Couples by one hole.

Gallacher's third choice rests between Joakim Haeggman, the Spanish Open champion, and Ronan Rafferty, who are tenth and eleventh in the points table. Rafferty has run into form lately. He won the Austrian Open two weeks ago and has finished in the top five in two more of his past six events. He is a proven competitor and has won the only Ryder Cup singles he played.

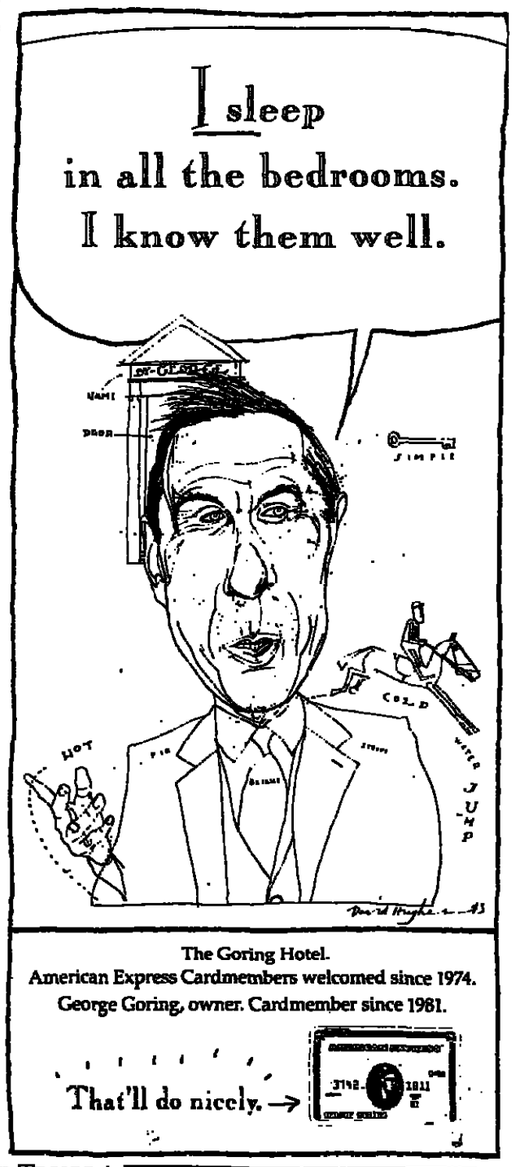
He has also received the imprimatur of Ballesteros, whose behind the scenes influence is enormous. "He's played before," Ballesteros said significantly. Bernhard Langer, who won at the Hubbelrath Club yesterday, also added his support, not specifically for Rafferty, but by emphasising the importance of experience. "I think anyone who has not played in a Ryder Cup before will find it very difficult," he said.

That leaves Haeggman a whisker away from becoming the first Swede to play in the Ryder Cup. At 24, Haegmann is five years younger than Rafferty and, crucially, less experienced in what could be a tournament of unprecedented pressure. I think that Gallacher should pick Rafferty and I think he will.

Langer wins, page 26

STANDINGS

Top nine qualify automatically
1, B Langer (Ger), 520,438pts
2, N Faldo (Eng), 513,022
3, C Montgomerie (Scot), 482,003
4, C Rocca (It), 381,315
5, B Lane (Eng), 379,440
6, I Woosnam (Wales), 374,938
7, P Baker (Eng), 362,659
8, M James (Eng), 351,820
9, S Torrance (Scot), 328,929
10, J Haeggman (Swe), 288,808
11, R Rafferty (N Ire), 283,985
12, J M Olazábal (Sp), 282,488
13, M Roe (Eng), 270,965
14, P Broadhurst (Eng), 267,148
15, A Forsbrand (Swe), 261,223



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Hill triumphs in classic three-way struggle

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS
BELGIUM

DAMON Hill's nascent Formula One career took another great leap forward here yesterday when he won a classic three-way battle with Alain Prost and Michael Schumacher to claim his second successive grand prix victory and secure a sixth constructors' world championship for the Williams team.



Hill: second win

The 32-year-old Englishman's first grand prix win — in Hungary a fortnight ago — was devalued by the early withdrawals of Schumacher and Ayrton Senna and Prost's continuing starting problems.

Yesterday, he beat them all fair and square, resisting a late charge from Schumacher and matching him lap for fastest lap.

"I think I have proved myself as a true racer today," Hill said. "Hungary was more of a mental test than a test of driving skill. My first win was something I had to get over and done with, an albatross around my neck.

"But here, on every single lap, I was trying to go quicker than the lap before. When I realised how close Schumacher was, I just had to go flat out right to the end of the race. I went even quicker in some places where I didn't think it was possible to go quicker. I have never known a race fly by so fast."

If the Hungarian race was a test of endurance in the arid hills above Budapest, this Belgian grand prix was a true spectacle, a racing treat amid the slopes of the Ardennes, a blur of hurtling colours diving down into the notorious Eau Rouge kink and incline that is unique in Formula One.

After a routine start, made unusual only by the fact that Prost led into the first corner and Schumacher's Benetton-Ford was left on the grid for several seconds with clutch problems, it seemed the Frenchman, who now only needs to claim two more points than Senna at the Italian grand prix next month to win his fourth drivers' championship, would cruise to a comfortable victory.

Yet, after gradually extending his mid-race lead over Hill to six seconds, despite a confused first pit stop and problems with back-markers, things started to go wrong. Hill caught him and nearly passed him on the 25th lap when his team-mate hesitated as he prepared to overtake a Tyrrell.

Hill backed off when his attempt failed, made his second pit stop for tyres four laps later and then pushed himself and his car to the limit as Prost made his stop a lap later.

The Frenchman's tyre change was slightly slower and he emerged from the pits in time to see Hill flashing past him towards Eau Rouge.

When Schumacher, who had scythed his way through the field from eleventh place, overtook him on the same lap, amid a shower of sparks and smoking, squealing tyres, Prost realised his race was run and settled for third place.

Schumacher, 24, who burst on to the grand prix scene here two years ago and won his first and only race in last year's Belgian grand prix, then shocked Hill by closing the slender gap between them.

Inspired, almost possessed, he set fastest laps on the 33rd, 34th and 35th laps of the 44-lap race, to bring himself within two seconds of the Englishman.

But Hill drove faultlessly and set fastest times on the 37th, 38th and fortieth laps to take the sting out of the German's challenge and secure what was also engine supplier Renault's fiftieth grand prix win. His winning margin was 3.6sec.

Schumacher felt victory could have been his but for the botched start, a fact that bodes well for the competitive future of Formula One. But the glory was still Hill's.

"He is no novice any more," Frank Williams, the Williams team owner, said of him afterwards. "We have won one championship now. When we win the other one, we will look at the problem of who should partner Alain in the team next year."

If that is not Hill, he will be hard done to indeed. "I have been under pressure about that all season," Hill said later. "But everything that has been presented for a possible reason for me not being up to scratch I have proved to be wrong."

RESULT

1, D Hill (GB), Williams-Renault, 1hr 24:32.124min; 2, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton-Ford, 3.668sec behind; 3, A Prost (Fr), Williams-Renault, 14.988; 4, A Senna (Br), McLaren-Ford, 1:39.763; 5, J Herbert (GB), Lotus-Ford, 1 lap; 6, R Patrese (It), Benetton-Ford, 1 lap; 7, M Brundle (GB), Ligier-Renault, 1 lap; 8, M Andretti (US), McLaren-Ford, 1 lap; 9, J J Lehto (Fin), Sauber-Ilmor, 1 lap; 10, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 2 laps; 11, M Blundell (GB), Ligier-Renault, 2 laps; 12, P Alliot (Fr), Larousse-Lamborghini, 2 laps; 13, L Badoer (It), Lola-Ferrari, 2 laps; 14, M Alboreto (It), Lola-Ferrari, 3 laps, 15, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell-Yamaha, 4 laps. No other finishers

DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP (after 12 rounds): 1, A Prost (Fr), 81pts; 2, A Senna (Br), 53; 3, D Hill (GB), 48; 4, M Schumacher (Ger), 42; 5, R Patrese (It), 18; equal 6, M Brundle (GB), J Herbert (GB), 11; equal 8, M Blundell (GB), G Berger (Austria), 10; equal 10, J J Lehto (Fin), C Fittipaldi (Br), 5; equal 12, J Alesi (Fr), D Warwick (GB), 4; 14, M Andretti (US), 3; equal 15, P Alliot (Fr), F Barbazza (It), K Wendlinger, (Austria), 2; 18, A Zanardi (It), 1.

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, Williams, 129pts; 2, Benetton, 60; 3, McLaren, 56; 4, Ligier, 21; 5, Ferrari, 14; 6, Lotus, 12; equal 7, Minardi, Sauber, 7; 9, Footwork, 4; 10, Larrousse, 2

Zelezny sets huge world record with third throw

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE full house at the Don Valley Stadium, Sheffield, yesterday was treated to an unexpected bonus when, turning up to welcome home Britain's medal winners from the world championships, they found themselves applauding a world record. Jan Zelezny, of the Czech Republic, improved his own javelin mark to 95.66m.

Before any of Britain's world champions had come out to take their bow — Linford Christie, Colin Jackson and Sally Gunnell each won their events — Zelezny warmed 25,000 pairs of hands with a throw of 95.34m in the second round. His effort dropped just short of the safety canvas and officials were ordered to move it back.

It was just as well because, with his next throw, Zelezny added 12cm to the world record he had set in Pietersburg, South Africa, in April. Unwittingly, it may have cost him money. Although he can expect a bonus from Andy Norman, the meeting director, for his record, it will be nowhere near the $100,000 he stands to win if can become the men's overall grand prix champion at Crystal Palace on Friday week.

Zelezny, 27, is one of half a dozen men still in contention and a world record in the final could clinch it for any of them. By his performance yesterday, Zelezny, the world and Olympic champion, has made it just a little harder for himself. Mick Hill, the world bronze medal-winner, trailed by more than ten metres in second place. "It was a privilege to be here to see that," Hill said.

Neither Christie nor Gunnell had any opposition to speak of. Christie won the 100 metres with a wind-assisted 9.99sec. Another Briton, Jason John, was second in 10.12sec. Gunnell was one and a half seconds slower than the world record she set in Stuttgart but, with 54.25sec, still won the 400 metres hurdles by half a dozen strides.

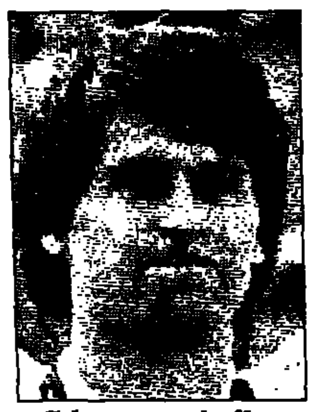
Jackson, after losing in Berlin on Friday, his first defeat of the season, found three Stuttgart finalists waiting for him, but returned to winning form. He ran a wind-assisted 13.09sec.

Steve Smith, third in Stuttgart, was unable to match Javier Sotomayor, the world champion, on this occasion either. But he made a contest of it, only narrowly failing at 2.33m. Sotomayor cleared 2.36m. On the other hand, Jonathan Edwards succeeded in beating his Stuttgart conquerors in the triple jump.

The world championship medal-winners finished in reverse order, but only after Edwards had left the pit thinking he had finished second. Leonid Voloshin, of Russia, the Stuttgart runner-up, had cleared 17.21m and the display board official credited Edwards, third in Germany, with 17.20m on his last attempt. But it was a misheard call from the pit and Edwards had in fact jumped 17.27m. Mike Conley, the world champion, was third with 16.65m.

RESULTS: Men: 100m: 1, L Christie (GB), 9.99; 2, J John (GB), 10.12; 3, C Imoh (Nig), 10.23. 200m: 1, J Williams (US), 20.47; 2, D Capobianco (Aus), 20.49; 3, C Smith (US), 20.50; 4, J Regis (GB), 20.54. 400m: 1, M Johnson (US), 45.51; 2, E Clarke (Jam), 46.28; 3, A Mafe (GB), 46.45. 800m: 1, S Langat (Ken), 1:46.22; 2, P Ruto (Ken), 1:46.34; 3, R Kibet (Ken), 1:46.35; 4, M Steele (GB), 1.47.00. 1,500m: 1, M Yates (GB), 3:38.07; 2, J Mayock (GB), 3:38.58; 3, I Viciosa (Sp), 3.38.61. 110m hurdles: 1, C Jackson (GB), 13.09; 2, T Jarrett (GB), 13.36; 3, I Kazanov (Lat), 13.41. 400m hurdles: 1, T Zellner (US), 49.20; 2, K Akabusi (GB), 49.24; 3, G Cadogan (GB), 49.81. High jump: 1, J Sotomayor (Cuba), 2.36; 2, S Smith (GB), 2.33; 3, T Kemp (Bah), 2.30. Long jump: 1, M Powell (US), 8.31; 2, R Jones (US), 8.04; 3, F Salle (GB), 7.82. Pole vault: 1, S Huffman (US), 5.65; 2, M Tarasov (Russ), 5.80; 3, K Tarpenning (US), 5.70. 8, M Edwards (GB), 5.30. Triple jump: 1, J Edwards (GB), 17.27; 2, L Voloshin (Russ), 17.21; 3, M Conley (US), 16.65. Javelin: 1, J Zelezny (Cz), 95.66 (world rec). 2, M Hill (GB), 85.82; 3, T Pukstys (US), 83.30.

Women: 400m: 1, J Miles (US), 51.46; 2, C Freeman (Aus), 52.08; 3, P Smith (GB), 52.24. 1,000m: 1, E Van Langen (Holl), 2:35.21. 2, D Modahl (GB), 2:35.86; 3, N Duchnova (Bylo), 2:36.89. 2,000m: 1, Y Murray (GB), 5.38.03; 2, A Wyeth (GB), 5.38.50; 3, P Radcliffe (GB), 5.39.20. 100m hurdles: 1, G Devers (US), 12.62; 2, M Azyabina (Russ), 12.70; 3, M Freeman (Jam), 12.86; 4, J Agyepong (GB), 13.01. 400m hurdles: 1, S Gunnell (GB), 54.25; 2, D Hemmings (Jam), 55.87; 3, T Buford (US), 55.92. High jump: 1, S De Leeuw (Bel), 1.93; 2, A Acuff (US), 1.85; 3, A Bradburn (US), 1.85 (same); 4, J Jennings (GB), 1.80.



Zelezny: superb effort

Akabusi clears his last hurdle

David Powell salutes an old soldier who bowed out of British athletics in Sheffield yesterday

Kriss Akabusi took the winner's flowers, the lap of honour and a standing ovation after the 400 metres hurdles at the McDonald's Games in Sheffield yesterday. The winner, Torrance Zellner, seemed not to mind.

This was 34-year-old Akabusi's valedictory performance and he gave it everything. He always did. As Joan Allison, Britain's team manager, put it: "He never bottled a major championship."

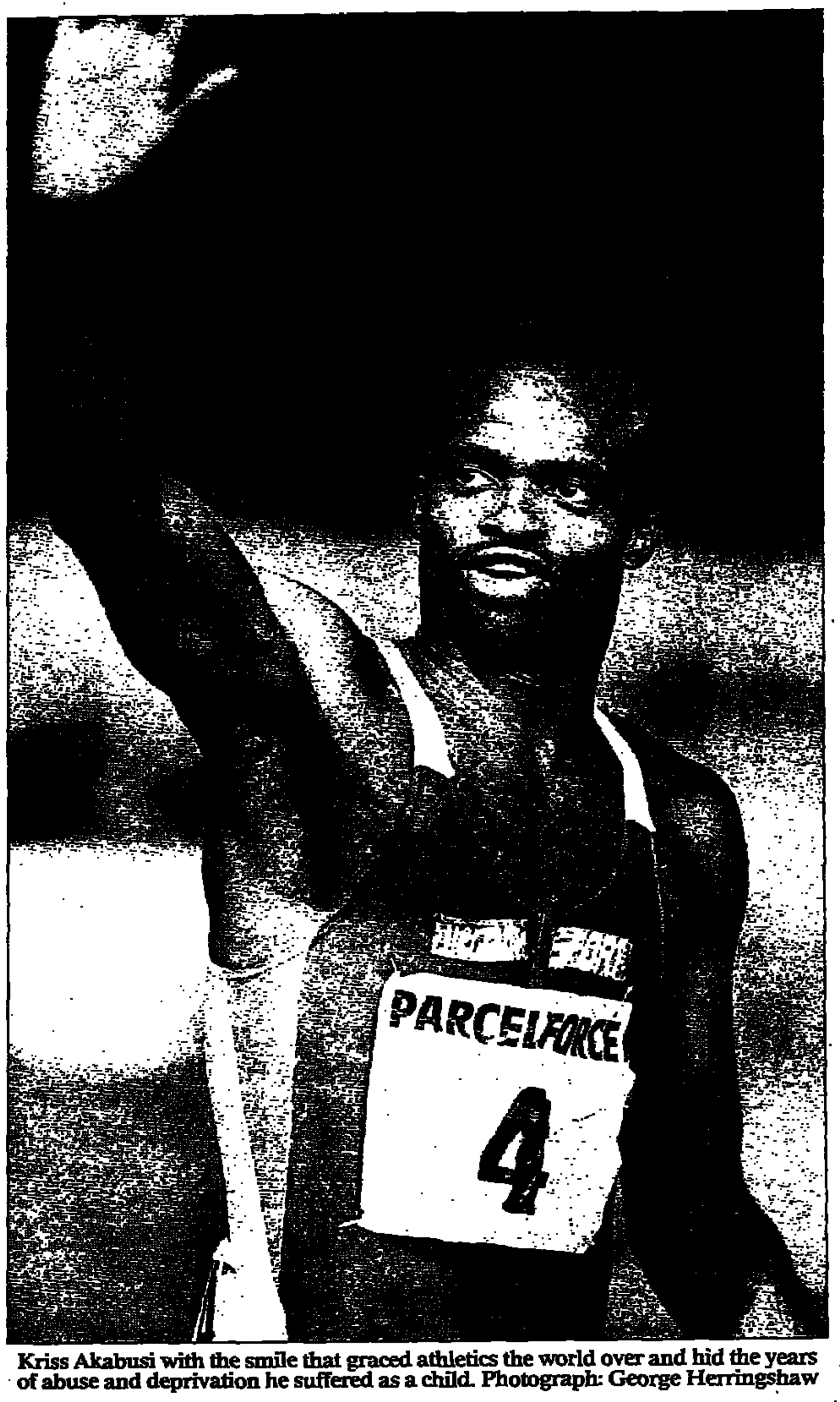
Yesterday, the Commonwealth and European champion had to settle for second place. Zellner, of the United States, won in 49.20sec, Akabusi following in 49.24sec. The grimace was replaced by a grin, the grin by a laugh. The smile is never far away. It is as though Akabusi was born with a hurdle in his mouth.

The son of a Nigerian Ibo chieftain, Kezie Akabusi — he changed his name because "it sounded more European" — is now to work as a professional celebrity. In the long term, athletics team management appeals. "I would like to get involved in a couple of years," he said.

But life may have taken an entirely different course had civil war not broken out in Nigeria in 1967. Akabusi's parents, returning to Nigeria in the early Sixties, after studying in Britain, had left him behind with foster parents. However, when the war intensified, the keep money stopped and he was moved into child care.

He went from one home to another until finally, he was sent to a north London children's home, where he would begin to demonstrate his athletic ability. Not as a runner, but as a high jumper, coming fourth in the Middlesex Schools.

At 16, he swapped one institution for the security of another, joining the Army. An officer and a gentleman was in the making, the kind who would phone journalists to thank them for their articles. At 22, Akabusi was promoted to sergeant; at 25, he was captain of the England athletics team. At that time, Linford Christie was undiscovered and when, in 1989, Christie was given the British captaincy, and not Akabusi, it seemed that performance skills scored higher than the captain's virtues of being erudite, gregarious and even-tempered.



Kriss Akabusi with the smile that graced athletics the world over and hid the years of abuse and deprivation he suffered as a child. Photograph: George Herringshaw

Entering the Army put Akabusi on the path to sporting recognition. Stationed in Germany, he met a coach, Hansi Bohme, who steered him away from football towards training for 400 metres. The stigma of being a black boy from a children's home drove Akabusi on. "I always wanted to impress people and sport became my vehicle; I wanted to be accepted as their equal," he said.

In 1983, Akabusi made his debut for Britain. By 1986, he had enjoyed the occasional success at 400 metres, but all his championship medals — Commonwealth and European gold, Olympic silver — were from relays. If he wanted greater recognition, he would have to change events.

The 1986 European championships in Stuttgart determined his future. Roger Black had won the 400 metres and Britain had a 1-2-3 in the 800 metres. No British athlete had progressed beyond the first round of the 400m hurdles. But, at 28, could the old dog learn new tricks?

If athletics was the circus, Akabusi was the clown, sniggered and laughed at as he tried to hurdle. But, by the end of the 1987 season, he was out of his baggy trousers and his red nose had gone. In one season, he had risen from British No 5 at 400 metres to No 1 hurdler.

His European title victory of 1990, breaking David Hemery's 22-year-old British record, was his most satisfying achievement, his last-leg triumph over the Americans in the 1991 world championship 4 x 400 metres his most moving. A born-again Christian, he would take his Bible wherever he went. Looking forward to the beginning of a new life yesterday, the hymn you could hear was *Onward Christian Soldiers*.

Valuable points scored by British officials

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL IN ROUDINCE CZECH REPUBLIC

GREAT Britain achieved three successes before a stroke was made in the world rowing championships here at the weekend. Mike Williams, the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) treasurer for the past four years, was elected treasurer of the world governing body at its congress on Saturday and Martin Cross, racing in the British eight and, at 35, winning his seventeenth British vest, was re-elected as chairman of the athletes' commission.

In his report to congress, Cross spoke on the vexed question of the elimination of the coxed fours, coxed pairs, and women's coxless pairs events from the next Olympic Games, revealing majority support from multi-national surveys among athletes for the retention of all three events. The ARA president, Martin Brandon-Bravo, with clear support from other nations, subsequently persuaded congress to reconsider the issue at the Indianapolis congress next year.

It is unlikely that the coxed fours and coxed pairs will be readmitted although a further move is to include them in the world lightweight championships in Scotland, which coincides with the next Olympics, but there now seems to be more hope for the women's coxless pairs.

Twelve of the 22 championship events get underway today, including the men's coxless pairs, where Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent defend their world title. Before yesterday's draw, Redgrave declined to specify who he feared among his 21 opponents, but he and Pinsent were drawn apart from Slovenia and New Zealand, who followed them home in Lucerne.

The draw smiled less kindly on Britain's top women's pair, Miriam Batten and Jo Turvey, the Olympic finalists. They take on all the leading combinations in their heat, including the French and Germans, who beat them in Lucerne.

The opening ceremony for the 46 competing nations concluded with a good omen for Britain when Derek Irvine won the first race held for handicapped competitors at the world championships.

RESULTS: Handicapped rowers championship: First race: 1, Great Britain (D Irvine), 6min 41sec; 2, Australia, 7:25; 3, Holland, 11:13. Second race: 1, Australia, 5:03; 2, Great Britain (G Spencer), 5:13. 3, Italy, 5.23.

Sluggish Wigan capitalise on Hull indiscipline

Wigan 16
Hull 8

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE four-year record of John Monie at Wigan has left his successor as coach, John Dorahy, with no obvious room for improvement. Yet, in successfully opening a fourth defence of their Stones Bitter rugby league championship, Dorahy achieved something beyond even Monie in his illustrious final season.

Wigan lost their opening home match to Hull last year. This time, Dorahy saw his side reverse that result, but their poor performance yesterday will give everyone else hope.

Hull's young and experimental side were not short on fight — they had too much in the case of Mark Jones, who was sent to the sin bin for lashing out at Dermott — yet, at odds of 150-1 for the championship, they should not have troubled Wigan as much as they did.

Take away the silken handling skills and breaks of Nigel Wright, who was making his debut at half back following his £140,000 move from Wakefield Trinity, and the pace Jason Robinson showed in beating two defenders for the first of Wigan's two tries and the performance was unimpressive.

Gary Connolly, Wigan's £250,000 acquisition from St Helens who is with Canterbury-Bankstown until the end of September, and Offiah and Platt, nursing injuries, cannot return soon enough.

Wigan benefited from Hull's indiscretions. In two spells of ten minutes that Jones and Gay, who was dismissed for restraining Wright after a try-saving tackle, were off the field, they gathered all 16 of their points.

While a trio of internationals remain out of contract and out of contention for places, Hull will suffer, but their makeshift side displayed imagination.

SCORERS: Wigan: Tries: Robinson, Mather. Goals: Botica (4). Hull: Try: Gay. Goals: Eastwood (2).
WIGAN: F Botica; J Robinson, D Bell, J Lydon, D Ellison; N Wright (subs M Crompton, 35min; Wright, 63), S Edwards; K Skerrett, M Dermott (sub: Crompton, 70), I Gildart, D Betts, B Mather (sub: A Farrell, 35), P Clarke.
HULL: R Gay; P Eastwood, R Danby, J Grant, K Gray; R Nolan, M Hewitt, M Jones, M Dixon, (sub: Jackson, 60), S McNamara, D Divet (sub: J Cassidy, 55), A Jackson (sub: J Sharp, 34), D Busby
Referee: R Smith.

☐ Sonny Nickle and Allan Hunte, of St Helens, were sent off as their side was unexpectedly beaten 16-10 by Hull Kingston Rovers.

FOR THE RECORD

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (AFL): Hawthorn 24.19 (163) bt Brisbane Bears 15.16 (106). Adelaide Crows 19.21 (135) bt Collingwood 17.9 (111). Fitzroy 14.14 (98) bt Melbourne 11.9 (75). Geelong 17.14 (116) bt West Coast Eagles 14.12 (96). Footscray 20.15 (135) bt North Melbourne 18.15 (123). St Kilda 18.17 (125) bt Richmond 12.10 (82). Carlton 16.15 (111) bt Sydney Swans 16.14 (110)

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Florida 7, San Francisco 4; Montreal 3, Houston 1, Cincinnati 8, Philadelphia 5; San Diego 10, Pittsburgh 6, Chicago Cubs 9, Atlanta 7, New York Mets 3, Colorado 2. St Louis 3, Los Angeles 2 (10 inns). Saturday: Atlanta 5, Chicago 1, San Diego 5, Pittsburgh 3. Cincinnati 9, Philadelphia 5. Colorado 7, New York 5, Montreal 7, Houston 3, St Louis 4, Los Angeles 3
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago White Sox 7, Minnesota 3 and 2-7 (10 inns); Milwaukee 7, California 6 and 4-3; Cleveland 9, New York Yankees 2, Boston 5, Kansas City 0, Texas 5, Baltimore 4, Detroit 13, Oakland 4, Seattle 7, Toronto 6. Saturday: Boston 2, Kansas City 1 (11 inns); California 6, Milwaukee 2, Cleveland 8, New York 4; Detroit 5, Oakland 3, Chicago 4, Minnesota 1, Texas 11, Baltimore 1, Seattle 2, Toronto 1

BOWLS

SKEGNESS: EBF national championships: Finals: Men: Singles: Two-bowl: J Davison bt T Robson, 21-13. Four-bowl: M Ward bt N Harris, 21-17. Under-25: A Seymour Jr bt J Roope, 21-15. Over-65: D Roesin bt E York, 21-15. Pairs: P Crisp and J Brooks bt N Deacon and G Allan, 19-18. Two-bowl rinks: Thornham Magna, Suffolk bt Bisthorpe, 23-14; Three-bowl rinks: South Shields, Parkside bt Alderton, Suffolk, 22-9. Women: Singles: Two-bowl: L Wrightson bt V Swann, 21-15. Four-bowl: P Oliver bt P Thompson, 21-15. Under-25: D Overton bt A Savage, 21-19; Over-60: J Tombleson bt J Butlers, 21-3; Pairs: C and A Gowshall bt J Wilson and P Strong, 23-11. Two-bowl rinks: Mansfield Ladies bt Hemmingfords, 24-11. Three-bowl rinks: Costany, Norfolk bt Somercotes, Derbys, 14-12. Mixed pairs: R and V Portasman bt J M Hill and T Lee, 19-9. Mixed two-bowl rinks: Lincoln St Giles bt Silent Channel, Hampshire, 31-5
WORTHING: Open tournament: Finals: Singles: P Evans bt P Varnvacopoulos, 21-12. Triples: D Bishop, D Dennis, P Line bt J Molloy, J Kuhler, J Hill, 18-12.
CARLISLE: Junior home international championship: Scotland 130, Wales 100; England 145, Ireland 90; Ireland 136, Scotland 101, Wales 119, England 118. Scotland 119, England 106; Wales 141, Ireland 93. Standings: 1, Wales, 4pts (+ 19 shots); 2, Scotland, 4 (+18); 3, England, 2 (+41); 4, Ireland, 2 (-78).
PORTRUSH: Woman's home international championship: Scotland 80, Wales 60, England 94, Ireland 68, Scotland 97, England 74; Wales 92, Ireland 82, England 84, Wales 61; Scotland 111, Ireland 45. Standings: 1, Scotland, 6pts. 2, England, 4, 3, Wales, 2; 4, Ireland, 0

BOXING

BISMARCK, North Dakota: WBA light-heavyweight championship: Virgil Hill (US, holder) bt Sergio Merani (Arg), pts.

CANOEING

COPENHAGEN: World championships: K1 10,000m: 1, T Nielsen (Den), 42min 12.07sec, 2, K Holmann (Nor), 42.12.81, 3, A Szabo (Slovakia), 42:14.41, 4, I Lawler (GB), 42 15.92. C1 10,000m: 1, Z Bohacs (Hun), 47.11.29. 2, P Bednar (Cz), 47:18.94, 3, A Dittmer (Ger), 47:25 99; 4, A Train (GB), 47:52.49. C2 10,000m: 1, Nielsson and Fredentsen (Den), 42:18.58; 2, S and A Train (GB), 42:26.33, 3, Dobrovorski and Balabanov (Ukr), 42:28.77.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Worcester: Worcestershire 243 and 323-6 (W P C Weston 140); Warwickshire 447-8 dec (P L Holloway 118, C E Mulraine 86, D R Brown 81). Match drawn. Southampton: Hampshire 358-6 dec and 156-1 (J R Wood 67 not out); Essex 82 and 431 (A J E Hibbert 125, M Diwan 61, A G J Fraser 51; R J Maru 4-133). Hampshire won by 9 wickets. Bristol: Gloucestershire 169 (D B Pennett 5-39) and 311-5 dec (R J Scott 116, A J Wright 77, M G N Windows 58 not out, U Afzaal 4-97); Nottinghamshire 81 (A M Smith 4-31) and 400-6 (M Saxelby 238 not out). Nottinghamshire won by 4 wickets. Taunton: Somerset 257 (G W White 64; S Bastien 6-56) and 301-4 dec (N D Burns 94 not out, G W White 73, K A Parsons 58, V Clarke 52). Glamorgan 290 (A Jones 67, R J Harding 4-80) and 202. Somerset won by 62 runs. Derby: Middlesex 390-7 dec (T A Radford 155 not out, P N Weekes 118) and 207-3 dec (Radford 78, Weekes 50 not out); Derbyshire 298-7 dec (P R Whitaker 86, T J G O'Gorman 75, I G S Steer 62; K P Dutch 4-91) and 233-9 (M Taylor 48). Match drawn. Folkestone: Kent 331-9 (R M Ellison 101; M Broadhurst 4-75, P W Jarvis 4-106) and 248-7 dec (Longley 101, I Fisher 5-84). Yorkshire 314-4 dec (A A Metcalfe 129, A McGrath 87) and 180-9 (R P Davis 7-65). Match drawn. Eastbourne: Sussex 246 (J W Hall 75, M T E Peirce 61, I D Austin 5-16) and 342-5 dec (K Greenfield 144 not out, M T E Peirce 141). Lancashire 301-3 dec (S P Titchard 168 not out, Austin 51) and 269 (J E R Gallian 96, N T Wood 69). Sussex won by 18 runs

EQUESTRIANISM

ICKWORTH PARK, Suffolk: Audi Challenge: Ninth round: 1, S Messenger (Northants, Sc...reign Fox), 22.50pts; 2, B Mulqueen (Suffolk, Hopefield Lad), 23.57; 3, J Thurston (Suffolk, Dougal) 25...

CYCLING

OSLO: World road-race championship: Women: 1, L van Moorsel (Holl), 2hr 21min 20sec; 2, J Longo-Ciprelli (Fr), same time, 3, L Charameda (US), at 4sec. British placings: 13, M Purvis; 15, S Philips, both same time. Men: Amateur: 1, J Ullrich (Ger), 4hr 13min 9sec, 2, K Ozers (Lat); 3, L Tesar (Cz), both same time. British placings: 41, M Stephens, at 53sec; 68, S Hempsall, 4min 43sec, 85, M McKay, 4 43; 90, M Postle, 8:23. Professional: 1, L Armstrong (US), Motorola, 6hr 17min 10sec; 2, M Indurain (Sp), Banesto, at 19sec; 3, O Ludwig (Ger), Telekom, 19sec. 4, J Museeuw (Bel), 5, M Fondriest (It), both same time. British and Irish placings: 49, S Kelly (Ire), 5 07. 60, S Way (GB), 18.54. 64, A Doyle (GB), 65, J Tanner (GB), both same time
ROAD RACES: Tour of the Hopfields, Kent (third stage, 103 miles) 1, S Sutton (Banana), 4hr 3min 7sec; 2, G Holmes (Composite A), at 5sec; 3, N Hoban (Neilson-Tivoli), same time. Overall: Sutton. Bishop's Stortford CC (82 miles) D Staff (North Road RT), 3.27 00. Tour of the Mendips (65 miles) M Watch (Team Zoyland), 2 56 00. Clayton Velo Autumn Classic (Barnoldswick, Lancashire, 55 miles) M Lovatt (SG Bollington), 2 26'00
TIME-TRIALS: Norwich CA (100 miles) M Adams (King's Lynn CC), 4hr 4min 42sec. Essex CRA (50 miles) J French (Leo RC), 1 45'37 (event record). Team: Southend and County Wheelers, 5.29.48. Mid-Shropshire Wheelers (50 miles) B Charley (Stourbridge CC), 1 55 47 (course record). Team, Mid-Shropshire Wheelers, 6 29 56. Kent CA (50 miles) P Fox (Southborough and District Wheelers), 1 59 30. Team, Southborough and District Wheelers, 6 24 44. Mirfield CC (25 miles) L Holmes (Morley CC), 54 13. Border City Wheelers (Carlisle, two-up 25 miles) G Butler and M Dodgson (RT Italia), 54 43. Kettering Friendly CC (25 miles) I Cammish (Cyman-Maxim), 55 13. Team: Kettering Friendly CC, 3 02.37. Tyne RC (25 miles) S Walton (Manchester Wheelers), 55.38. Gainsborough Aegir CC (25 miles) R Morris (Beauvale CC), 55.50. Team: Beauvale CC, 2:52:36. Pembrokeshire Velo (10 miles) A Dow (Pembrokeshire Velo), 22.12. Team: Pembrokeshire Velo, 1.09 59. North Road CC (Cambridgeshire, 24hrs) 1, B Boon (Severn RC), 457.16 miles; 2, P Bishop (Heron RC), 417.82; 3, J Barnes (Goole Vermuyden), 416 94. Team: Derby Mercury 1,142.98 miles.
TRACK: BCF National 8km grass championship (Mildenhall) J Snodin (Invicta RC). BCF National Tandem League (Edinburgh): P Boyd (Clayton Velo) and G Hibbert (Hyde Olympic).

FOOTBALL

WORLD UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIPS (Japan) Quarter-finals: Nigeria 2, Japan 1, Ghana 1, Australia 0. Poland 3, United States 0; Chile 4, Representation of Czechs and Slovaks 1.
J-LEAGUE: Verdy Kawasaki 0, Shimizu S-Pulse 0 (Pulse won 3-2 on pens), JEF United Ichihara 1, Sanfrecce Hiroshima 3; Yokohama Marinos 2, Nagoya Grampus Eight 0. Kashima Antlers 2, Urawa Red Diamonds 0. Gamba Osaka 0, Yokohama Flugels 0 (Flugels won 5-4 on pens).

GLIDING

BICESTER: British Aerospace inter-services championships: Final results: Open (nine days): 1, M Boyden (Nimbus 3DT), 5,936pts, 2, R Sharman (ASW20BL), 5 631, 3, D Stewart (Ventus B), 5,412. 4, G Stingemore (LS6/17), 5,375, 5, R Jones (Nimbus 4), 5,216; 6, J Hallam (Ventus CT), 4,878. Club (eight days) 1, A Jelden (Libelle), 5,281; 2, R Witter (Dart 17), 5,025. 3, T Mitchell (Grob Acro), 4,963. Sport (eight days) 1, D Cockburn (Discus), 5,971, 2, J Arnold (Discus), 5,491. 3, D Smith (Discus), 5.422

GOLF

AKRON, Ohio: World Series of Golf: Third round (US unless stated) 207: J Gallagher, 66 75, 66. G Norman (Aus), 69, 69, 69. N Price (Zim), 69, 67, 71. D Edwards, 66, 69, 72. 208: C Stadler, 71, 69, 68. D Frost (SA), 68, 69, 71; F Allem (SA), 68, 68, 72. S Elkington (Aus), 69, 67, 72. 211: V Singh (Fiji), 73, 70, 68. 215: J Daly, 72, 73, 70; R Zokol (Can), 73, 71, 71. I Aoki (Japan), 74, 72, 69. B Hughes (Aus), 73, 73, 69; T Kite, 72, 71, 72; G Hallberg, 74, 69, 72. 217: L Mize, 75, 72, 70; T Nakajima (Japan), 71, 75, 71; G Waite (NZ), 72, 70, 75. 218: N Ozaki (Japan), 78, 74, 68. L Janzen, 75, 70, 73
DALMAHOY: International European amateur championship: Final scores: 276: M Backhausen (Den), 70, 70, 71, 65. L Westwood (Eng), 68, 66, 71, 71 (Backhausen won play-off). 279: M Ellis (Wales), 69, 69, 70, 71; K Vainola (Fin), 66, 68, 71, 74; M Erlandsson (Swe), 66, 68, 70, 75. 280: D Downie (Scot), 69, 67, 73, 71, L James (Eng), 69, 70, 71, 70; M Mazur (Ger), 71, 71, 69, 69. 281: R Hutt (Eng), 71, 67, 68, 75, U Jonsson (Ice), 71, 68, 70, 72. 282: M Welch (Eng), 70, 71, 71, 70; M Lundberg (Swe), 69, 67, 72, 74, N Beaufils (Fr), 71, 68, 72, 71, W Bryson (Scot), 68, 68, 70, 76; R Bland (Eng), 70, 66, 71, 75. 283: F Valera (Sp), 69, 76, 70, 68, P Streeter (Eng), 74, 67, 68, 74, R Saxler (Austria), 70, 69, 71, 73
THE BELFRY: Ford club golfers' home internationals: Saturday: Scotland 7, England 3, Northern Ireland 5, Wales 5. Yesterday: Northern Ireland 3½, England 6½, Wales 4½, Scotland 5½
LONDON, Ontario: Women's tournament: Third round (US unless stated): 206: E King, 65, 70, 71. 207: E Daniel, 69, 70, 68. B Burton, 71, 70, 66. 208: V Fergon, 67, 73, 68. K Guadagnino, 69, 69, 70. D Mochrie, 68, 69, 71. 209: D Lofland-Dormann, 68, 68, 73. 210: S Little (SA), 72, 69, 69, D Coe-Jones (Can), 64, 74, 72. 211: J Lidback, 70, 73, 68. 212: J Dickinson, 70, 71, 71, C Johnson, 71, 69, 72: H Alfredsson (Swe), 70, 70, 72. British scores: 219: C Pierce, 74, 73, 72. K Lunn, 74, 73, 72

MOTOR RACING

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium: Formula 3000 Belgian grand prix: 1, O Panis (Fr), Reynard Cosworth Dams, 1hr 1min 57.34sec, 2, G de Ferran (Br), Reynard Cosworth Paul Stewart, at 1.55sec; 3, D Coulthard (GB), Reynard Cosworth Pacific, 3.81. Other British placing: 6, P Stewart, Reynard Cosworth Paul Stewart, 22.57.

HOCKEY

AMSTERDAM: Women's Champions Trophy: Round-robin matches: South Korea 7, Spain 0, Germany 2, Great Britain 2, Holland 1, Australia 2. Final standings: 1, Australia, 10pts. 2, Holland, 7. 3, South Korea, 6. 4, Germany, 4. 5, Great Britain, 3. 6, Spain, 0. Play-offs: Final: Holland 1, Australia 1 (Australia won 4-2 on penalty strokes). Third place: Germany 2, South Korea 0; Fifth: Spain 1, Great Britain 0.
MEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: England 2, Australia 5, England XI 1, Australia XI 1, Great Britain XI 1, Australia XI 5; Great Britain XI 2, England Under-21 3.
POZNAN, Poland: Inter-Continental Cup: Third place: India 3, Argentina 2. Fifth: South Africa 1, Belgium 0. Seventh: Malaysia 1, Canada 1 (Canada won 8-7 on penalty strokes), Ninth to twelfth: Ireland 2. France 1: Cuba 1, Poland 0.

MOTOR RALLYING

1,000 LAKES RALLY, Finland: Final placings: 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Toyota, 4hr 23min 51sec, 2, A Vatanen (Fin), Subaru, 4.24.36; 3, D Auriol (Fr), Toyota, 4.26'01. 4, T Makinen (Fin), Lancia, 4:26'26, 5, K Eriksson (Swe), Mitsubishi, 4 29'32. World championship (after nine rounds). 1, Kankkunen, 91pts; 2, Auriol, 71; 3, F Delecour (Fr), Ford, 70, 4, M Biasion (It), Ford, 66, 5, C McRae (GB), Subaru, 44. Constructors: 1, Toyota, 131; 2, Ford, 111, 3, Subaru, 73.

ICE HOCKEY

SHEFFIELD: Olympic Games qualifying tournament: Great Britain 2, Poland 2.

RUGBY UNION

CARDIFF: Worthington Welsh Sevens: Quarter-finals: Pontypridd 26, Neath 7, Swansea 33, Penarth 14. Llanelli 5, South Wales Police 26. Bridgend 28, Cardiff 19. Semi-finals: Pontypridd 28, Swansea 21, South Wales Police 19, Bridgend 14. Final: Pontypridd 14, South Wales Police 24
SELKIRK: CIS Sevens: Quarter-finals: Waterloo 26, Stirling County 14; Northampton 21, Jed-Forest 14, Gala 19, Kelso 15. Scottish Border Club 19, Bedford 17. Semi-finals: Northampton 24, Waterloo 15; Gala 24, Scottish Border Club 5. Final: Northampton 19, Gala 14.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: National smallbore pistol championships: Hunter Trophy (home international). 1, England, 752; 2, Jersey, 738. 3, Scotland, 719. Women's International (pairs) 1, England, 371, 2, Jersey, 349. 3, Guernsey, 316. Rifle teams of 8 (Queen's II) 1, Lloyds Bank, 1,151 (D Dawes 148), 2, Royal Navy TRC, 1,109 (J Saunders 144)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Bradford 32 Widnes 18
Bradford: Tries: Medley 2, Kebble, Newlove, Summers, Watson. Goals: Fox 4. Widnes: Tries: D Hulme, Myers, Spruce. Goals: Goulding 3. Att: 7,034
Halifax 26 Oldham 12
Halifax: Tries: Bailey, Bentley, Divorty, Preston, Schuster. Goals: Bishop 3. Oldham: Tries: Groves, Heslop. Goals: Kerry, Topping. Att: 7,445.
Hull KR 16 St Helens 10
Hull KR: Tries: Liddiard, Parker, Sodje. Goals: Barkworth 2.
St Helens: Tries: Ropati. Goals: Loughlin 2. Dropped Goal: O'Donnell 2. Att: 4,504.
Leigh 12 Featherstone 26
Leigh: Tries: Henger. Goals: Blakeley 3. D Platt.
Featherstone: Tries: Tuffs 2, Butt, Pearson, Simpson. Goals: Pearson 3. Att: 3,533.
Salford 20 Sheffield 32
Salford: Tries: Blakeley, Burgess, Forber. Goals: Blakeley 4.
Sheffield: Tries: Aston, David Fraisse, Powell, Price, Stott. Goals: Aston 5. Dropped Goals: Aston 2. Att: 2,122
Warrington 32 Wakefield 14
Warrington: Tries: Bateman 3, Jackson, Shelford. Goals: Davies 6.
Wakefield: Tries: Christie, Mason. Goals: B Conway 3. Att: 5,000.
Wigan 16 Hull 8
Wigan: Tries: Mather, Robinson. Goals: Botica 4.
Hull: Tries: Gay. Goals: Eastwood 2. Att: 11,386.
Second division
Barrow 22 Keighley 30
Barrow: Tries: M Kavanagh, Rhodes, Ruane, Trainor. Goals: M Kavanagh 3.
Keighley: Tries: Appleby, Brookes-Cowden, Pinkney, Ramshaw, Wasyliw. Goals: Wasyliw 5. Att: 2,341.
Bramley 4 Whitehaven 20
Bramley: Tries: Freeman.
Whitehaven: Tries: Beckwith, Fisher, Gribbin, Pechey. Goals: Maguire 2. Att: 621.
Dewsbury 48 Carlisle 6
Dewsbury: Tries: Charles 3, Bell, Conway, Graham, Kelly, Rodgers, Rombo. Goals: Conway 6
Carlisle: Tries: Graham. Goals: Richardson. Att: 938
Rochdale 64 Highfield 8
Rochdale: Tries: J Green 3, R Hall 2, Haugh 2, O'Keefe 2, Bates, Brown, Ratu. Goals: Hourigan 8.
Highfield: Tries: Carr. Goals: C Johnson 2. Att: 1,013
Ryedale York 28 Swinton 14
Ryedale York: Tries: G Atkins, Hopcutt, Kettlestring, Romsden. Goals: Sullivan 6.
Swinton: Tries: Gartland 2, Turner. Goals: Errington. Att: 1,327
Workington 8 Huddersfield 10
Workington: Tries: Schubert. Goals: Kitchin 2. Dropped Goal: Kitchin.
Huddersfield: Tries: Simpson. Goals: Helliwell 3. Att: 2,400.
NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Askam 22 Chorley 22. Hemel Hempstead 20 West Hull 10; Leigh MW 36 Egremont 20; Saddleworth 13 Wigan St Patricks 20; Woolston 48 Nottingham City 6. Postponed: Dudley Hill v Blackpool.
WINFIELD CUP: Brisbane Broncos 10, St George 16, Canterbury-Bankstown 32, Canberra Raiders 8; Cronulla-Sutherland 6, Penrith 10; Gold Coast Seagulls 10, Eastern Suburbs 24; Manly-Warringah 26, Western Suburbs 12; Illawarra Steelers 10, Newcastle Knights 18, Parramatta 22, Balmain 16, South Sydney 16, North Sydney 36. Final standings: 1, Canterbury, 34; 2, St George, 34; 3, Canberra, 33; 4, Manly, 32.

SWIMMING

MELBOURNE: Breaststroke: 100m: P Rogers (Aus), 59.07sec; 200m: Rogers, 2min 7.80sec (world short-course records)

SPEEDWAY

championship final: 1, S Ermolenko (US), 12pts; 2, H Nielsen (Den), 11 (after run-off); 3, C Louis (Eng), 11. 5, A Smith (Eng), 10; 6, G Havelock (Eng), 10.
BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Eastbourne 62, Poole 46. Second division: Swindon 77, Exeter 31.

SQUASH

HONG KONG: Men's open championship: Semi-finals: R Martin (Aus) bt Jansher Khan (Pak), 15-14, 15-7, 15-9, B Martin (Aus) bt S Parke (Eng), 15-11, 15-11, 15-11. Final: B Martin bt R Martin, 12-15, 15-12, 15-4, 15-6.

TENNIS

NEW YORK: US Open qualifying: Men: Second round: B-O Pedersen (Nor) bt J Bates (GB), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; C Bailey (GB) bt J Winnik (Holl), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. Third round: C Caratti (It) bt Bailey, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.
COMMACK, New York: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt L Mattar (Bri), 6-4, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt A Volkov (Russ), 2-6, 6-4, 7-6; M Rosset (Switz) bt C Pioline (Fr), 6-4, 6-4; M Chang (US) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 3-6, 6-1, 6-2. Semi-finals: Chang bt Edberg, 6-1, 6-2, Rosset bt Ivanisevic, 6-3, 6-3
SCHENECTADY, New York: Men: Quarter-finals: T Enqvist (Swe) bt I Lendl (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; B Steven (NZ) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 6-3, 6-2; C Costa (Sp) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 7-5, 7-6, K Novacek (Cz) bt M Pamfors (Swe), 6-3, 7-6. Semi-finals: Enqvist bt Costa, 6-1, 6-4, Steven bt Novacek, 6-3, 6-1. Women: Quarter-finals: N Tauziat (Fr) bt G Helgeson (US), 6-3, 6-3; L Neiland (Lat) bt J Wiesner (Austria), 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; M Babel (Ger) bt L Meskhi (Geo), 7-5, 6-2, N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt A Carlsson (Swe), 6-0, 6-3. Semi-finals: Neiland bt Tauziat, 7-5, 1-6, 7-6, Medvedeva bt Babel, 6-2, 6-3
JERSEY: Reebok British Tour: Finals: Men: D Sapsford (Surrey) bt P Hand (Berks), 6-4, 6-0. Women: L Ahl (Devon) bt S Smith (Essex), 6-2, 7-6

TRIATHLON

CHICAGO: ITP Tour: Men: 1, N Lerandi (US), 1:50:21; 2, S Smith (GB), 1:50:38; 3, M Pigg (US), 1 50:42. Women: 1, C Montgomery (Can), 2:03:44; 2, K Smyres (US), 2.04 35. 3, J Ritchie (Can), 2:04 37.

YACHTING

INTERNATIONAL 14 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: First race (all GB) 1, T Robinson and B Grant, 2, I Walker and C Fox; 3, J Turner and Z Elliott. 4, C Stanley and I Roman; 5, C Lewins and J Simpson.
BURNHAM WEEK: Saturday: Combined: 1 R Tubbs, 2 R Smith, 3 I Heart. Sigma 33: 1 R and C Brown; 2 R King; 3 J Shead. Contessa 32: 1 A Parker, 2 R and F Waterhouse; 3 D Lenz. International Dragon: 1 T Wade, 2 M Holmes, 3 R Melville. Class 5: 1 R Tickner; 2 A H Crocker; 3 C Swann. Classic Boats: 1 J Tabe; 2 D Aylen; 3 R Neville. National Sonata: 1 P Izatt; 2 J Izatt, 3 B Burnett. Class 7: 1 P Martin; 2 S Redman; 3 K Cope. Class 8: 1 J Churchill; 2 P Shanahan; 3 C Cherry. Flying 15: 1 R Watson; 2 C Buckley; 3 J Wolsoncroft. National Squib: 1 P Pearson; 2 S Brewer; 3 K Terkelson. RCOD: 1 C Edwards; 2 A Munro; 3 V Mallor. RBOD: 1 J Adams; 2 I and C Herring; 3 H Bird. Sandhopper: 1 L Wright, 2 P Timmins; 3 J Pleasant. Estuary: 1 H Brellisford, 2 S Sherwin; 3 R Dawes. Multicrew dinghy handicap A: 1 1228; 2 P Manning; 3 J M Edwards. Laser II: 1 S Farren; 2 P Davey; 3 S Gaymon. One-man dinghy handicap A: 1 M Stubbs; 2 A Hatty; 3 P Neve. Multicrew dinghy handicap B: 1 M Tait; 2 P Buckley; 3 N Smith. Laser: 1 145793; 2 J Brech; 3 A Law. Yesterday: Estuary: 1 H Brellisford; 2 R Davies; 3 S Sherwin. Multicrew dinghy handicap A: 1 K6417; 2 S May, 3 J M Edwards. Laser: 1 145793, 2 J Brech; 3 A Law. Laser II: 1 S Farren, 2 D Cornell; 3 S B Grover. One-man dinghy handicap group A: 1 742, 2 D Unsworth, 3 M Stubbs. Multicrew dinghy handicap group B: 1 M Tait, 2 N Smith, 3 P ...

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FOOTBALL

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FA Carling Premiership
Leeds v Oldham (8.0)

GM Vauxhall Conference
Bath v Kidderminster
Bromsgrove v Altrincham
Dagenham and Redbridge v Slough
Dover v Woking
Halifax v Stafford
Kettering v Witton
Northwich v Southport
Runcorn v Macclesfield
Stalybridge v Gateshead
Telford v Yeovil
Welling v Merthyr

FA CUP: Preliminary round replay: Ossett Albion v Newcastle Town

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton v Marlow. First division: Croydon v Uxbridge, Ruislip Manor v Barking. Second division: Chertsey v Thame, Egham v Hemel Hempstead; Hungerford v Witham, Newbury v Lewes; Rainham v Aldershot; Saffron Walden v Banstead, Ware v Hampton. Third division: Hertford v East Thurrock; Southall v Harlow

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Gresley (7.30); Bashley v Waterlooville; ... Cambridge City v Hastings; Cheltenham v Moor Green (7.30); Corby v Chelmsford; Crawley v Gloucester; Dorchester v Farnborough (7 45); Sittingbourne v Trowbridge, Solihull v Halesowen; Worcester v Hednesford (7.30). Midland division: Bridgnorth v Stourbridge; Evesham v Tamworth, Forest Green v Clevedon, King's Lynn v Hinckley; Leicester v Armitage; Newport AFC v RC Warwick, Rushden and Diamonds v Bedworth; Sutton Coldfield v Bilston, VS Rugby v Grantham; Yate v Weston-super-Mare

Southern division: Baldock v Sudbury; Braintree v Bury; Buckingham v Dunstable; Canterbury v Gravesend and Northfleet, Erith and Belvedere v Havant; Margate v Ashford; Poole v Fisher 93; Tonbridge AFC v Wealdstone; Witney v Newport IOW.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Saltash v Crediton.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Fleetwood v Droylsden; Frickley v Whitley Bay; Gainsborough v Emley (7.30), Horwich v Bridlington Town (7.30). Hyde v Chorley (7.30); Knowsley Utd v Accrington Stanley; Leek v Buxton (7.30), Marine v Barrow; Morecambe v Bishop Auckland; Winsford v Colwyn Bay. First division: Ashton Utd v Mossley; Bamber Bridge v Gt Harwood; Congleton v Warrington, Curzon Ashton v Caernarfon; Eastwood v Alfreton; Farsley Celtic v Worksop; Gretna v ... Radcliffe Borough, Netherfield v Lancaster City

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Thackley; Lincoln v Ashfield; Liversedge v Maltby MW, North Ferriby v Ossett Albion, Ossett Town v Pickering, Pontefract Colliery v Brigg; Winterton v Glasshoughton Welfare.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Bacup Borough v Rossendale: Bradford Park Avenue v Penrith, Kidsgrove v Chadderton; Maine Road v Glossop North End; Nantwich v Prescot, Salford v Darwen, St Helens v Bootle

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Postponed: Charlton v QPR.

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

Final day of four

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ABERGAVENNY: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Sussex
LYTHAM: Lancashire v Kent
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire ...
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Somerset
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Durham

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Amersham: Buckinghamshire v Hertfordshire; Instow: Devon v Wales; Weymouth: Dorset v Wiltshire; Brockhampton: Herefordshire v Berkshire.

Daily Awaz International Challenge Cup: Imran Khan Cancer Appeal: India v Pakistan (Crystal Palace, 7.30).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: GRE Cup Finals (Sheffield).

ICE HOCKEY: Olympic play-offs: GB v Japan (Sheffield, 7.0).

SPEEDWAY: British League: First division: King's Lynn v Bradford (7.0); Reading v Eastbourne (7.30); Coventry v Belle Vue (7.30). Second division: Exeter v Swindon (11.0); Peterborough v Edinburgh (6.30); Rye House v Newcastle (4.0); Swindon v Oxford (7.30). Dudley/Wolves Trophy: First leg: Cradley Heath v Wolverhampton (2.30); Second leg: Wolverhampton v Cradley ...

Lancashire lack the resolve to throw Kent off the scent

By Michael Henderson

OLD TRAFFORD (Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Lancashire by six wickets

OLD TRAFFORD, the natural home of the one-day game and a boisterous place when roused, was as quiet yesterday as it can ever have been in three decades of Sunday cricket. Kent's superiority was manifest throughout this easy victory, which keeps them two points behind Glamorgan. All roads lead to Canterbury when the two leading teams meet there on September 19.

Lancashire's modest total of 192 was never likely to challenge a batting side of Kent's proven strength. That is how it proved as Kent galloped home amid leaden skies and persistent drizzle without needing the last 7.3 overs of their allocation. As hammerings go, this was straight off the anvil.

Carl Hooper levelled the scores by driving Watkinson for six over long-on before cutting his 87th run behind point. He has now made 777 runs in the competition and nobody should suggest that the League record of 917, set two years ago by Tom Moody of Worcestershire, is beyond him.

Nigel Llong, who came in when a third Kent batsman, Ealham, had run himself out, provided ideal support with 44 out of an unbroken fifth wicket stand of 82. A cover drive off Watkinson hit on the up was as good as anything all day.

DeFreitas was responsible for three of the four wickets to fall, having Ward caught behind, running out Fulton and, startlingly, Longley. He also provided some high-class pouting in the closing stages, including an over which featured a ball so wide it ended up 30 yards from the stumps, three "double teapots" and a hoof worthy of the Tiller Girls.

According to their captain, Lancashire do not enjoy playing at Old Trafford. There is nothing new in this tale since the "pit of hate", as Howard Booth once famously described the pavilion, has devoured many a cricketer down the years.

Neil Fairbrother could have no complaints yesterday. There was scarcely a murmur from the members' enclosure, although they would have been justified in berating the captain for an appalling stroke which led to his downfall, caught at square leg in only his third over at the crease. Indeed most of the batting was distinctly ordinary. Other than Lloyd, who made 53, no other reached 30.

These are difficult times for Lancashire and there is no suggestion that the final month of a dreadful season will be any kinder. The club's cricket committee met yesterday morning to draw up the retained list, which will be released after a full meeting of the committee tomorrow night.

At times, the players hardly helped themselves. When the championship match concludes at Lytham today, a helicopter is ferrying Wasim Akram, their brilliant all-rounder, to a charity match in London this evening. It may be logistically possible for him to reach Worcester by 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, but is this really the way for a first-class club to do business?

Glamorgan equal record to stay top

GLAMORGAN yesterday equalled the record of 12 successive Sunday league victories set by Middlesex last season. They defeated Gloucestershire by 31 runs at Ebbw Vale and stayed two points clear of Kent at the top of the Axa Equity & Law league, with two games remaining.

Essex and Middlesex tied their match at Colchester. Replying to a total of 236 for six, to which Haynes contributed 101, Essex reached the final two overs with ten runs required and five wickets in hand.

However, Weekes removed Knight and Topley and, in the final over, Johnson bowled Ilott and Such with the fourth and fifth balls. From the final ball, Boden was run out attempting a third run.

Pollard and Johnson put on 169 for Nottinghamshire's first wicket off only 17 overs, as they achieved their highest total in one-day cricket, 329 for six, on the way to their biggest victory, by 142 runs, against Derbyshire. Cork conceded 96 runs from his eight overs.

Centuries by Smith and Terry carried Hampshire to an eight-wicket victory over Sussex at Portsmouth, also with a county record Sunday total, with one ball to spare. They shared a partnership of 238 in 38 overs to foil a fine 127 by the Sussex captain, Alan Wells.

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Glamorgan (16)	15	12	2	0	1	50
Kent (5)	15	11	2	0	2	48
Surrey (4)	15	9	4	0	2	40
Northants (13)	14	8	4	1	1	36
Sussex (11)	14	8	4	1	1	36
Lancashire (11)	14	7	4	1	2	34
Derbyshire (13)	15	7	7	0	1	30
Middlesex (1)	15	6	6	2	1	30
Durham (8)	15	6	7	0	2	28
Essex (2)	14	6	7	1	0	26
Warwicks (8)	15	6	8	0	1	26
Yorkshire (15)	14	6	7	0	1	26
Hampshire (3)	14	4	7	0	3	22
Worcs (7)	15	4	8	1	2	22
Gloucs (6)	14	4	8	1	1	20
Leics (18)	14	4	9	0	1	18
Notts (17)	14	4	10	0	0	16
Somerset (5)	14	2	10	0	2	12

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Norbury, of Frocester, lets fly during yesterday's Village Cricket final at Lord's, won by Kington by two runs

Kington keep their nerve to the last

By Ivo Tennant

LORD'S (Frocester won toss): Kington beat Frocester by two runs.

IF THERE was not exactly a breathless hush at Lord's last night — football chants have pervaded even village cricket — what did occur was one of the most exhilarating finishes to a one-day final. Three were needed off the last ball, one middle-aged Frocester tail-ender left.

Basil Norbury used to play with the incomparable Graeme Pollock in his time in South Africa and, if any cricketer had the necessary nous to win a village final, it was him. He aimed, as he had to do, to hit the medium pace of Kington's Johnston over the in-field. His drive looked to be from the textbook. Alas, his eyes or his reflexes were not what they were and back went the middle stump.

Frocester had looked for much of their innings as though they would make 192 in their 40 overs. When Evans was out for a carefree 73, Smith, a headmaster with a penchant for lofting the ball over mid-wicket, kept going until that last over. He reached his half-century by swinging Johnston for six, but was bowled off the second ball. And that was more or less that.

Although the pitch was sited so close to the Tavern that cover point was almost on the boundary, batting was no more arduous than it will be for the NatWest Trophy finalists in the very centre of the square on Saturday. Frocester, like many a professional side before them, reckoned they had the batting to chase any total.

This turned out to be wishful thinking, even though Porteous, who made 45 in 28 overs, left Kington's middle order batsmen scant time to construct their innings. One of these was Morgan, who had got engaged the previous evening.

Time was when such happy news was released in his parish magazine. Now, village cricketers play at Lord's and have their engagement announced as they come out to bat. Embarrassed though Morgan must have been, afterwards he and the Kington side would have felt only a little lower than the angels.

SCORES: Kington 191 for 6 (40 overs: M S Porteous 45; G Hudd 3 for 36). Frocester 189 (J A Evans 73, I D Smith 53). Kington won by 2 runs.

Lamb can extend Gatting's wait for title

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

IT HAS been a strange weekend for Middlesex. The way the tributes have been pouring in since they made short work of Essex on Friday, they must feel they are county champions without a title. Events at Northampton today, however, will either clear the confusion or concentrate their minds.

If Northamptonshire fail to finish off Leicestershire, Middlesex can be officially crowned tonight, but if, as seems more likely, Allan Lamb's side wins today, Middlesex must wait until the next round of matches — in which they are impatiently idle — or, more appropriately, until their penultimate game, against Lancashire at Lord's.

As things stand, Middlesex have 265 points and Northamptonshire's optimum, a maximum haul today and for three games thereafter, is 277. So it is a matter of when, rather than if, the pennant is handed back to Lord's, where it last flew in 1990.

This anti-climax is due, in part, to some underachieving by clubs such as Essex, Lancashire and Nottinghamshire, who were best-equipped to sustain a challenge. But it is also the legacy of the four-day format, in which there is no hiding place for the weak.

Within the increasingly artificial three-day game, too often ruled by help-yourself bowling and third-day targets tacitly agreed on the first evening, poor teams avoided exposure by winning their share of contrived finishes and hanging on for unearned draws. The effect of banishing such devices with the extra day has been to reveal how feeble some county sides have become.

It will take more than a year for the reformed championship to show benefits; so far, it is showing only the ills of a discredited system that amounted to cricket's welfare state. To know that you will be beaten if you are not good enough is a far greater incentive to improvement than the cosy knowledge that the system will support you and a few cheap points can be negotiated in the bar.

Once all counties respond to this competitive environment, the logical step is to divide the championship into two divisions, with promotion and relegation. The days when elitism was regarded as unhealthy and financially divisive are long gone. The stronger the county structure becomes, the better the England team will be and the greater the revenue to spread through the game.

By taking 11 Leicestershire wickets on Saturday, Northamptonshire are well placed to finish second for the fifth time. Following on, and with three men gone, Leicestershire trail by 24. Three difficult away games await Northamptonshire, but they appear more likely runners-up than Glamorgan and Surrey.

Ranatunga hits fine century

SRI Lanka, inspired by a fine 131 from Arjuna Ranatunga, their captain, stepped up their attempt to beat South Africa in the first Test match between the countries in Colombo yesterday.

Ranatunga shrugged off injury and a disputed decision as he took the Sri Lanka second innings from 26 for two overnight to 300 for six declared soon after tea on the fourth day. South Africa, set a daunting victory target of 365 from a minimum of 115 overs, suffered a double blow as Andrew Hudson fell for four and Hansie Cronje for one, reducing the touring team to 25 for two before bad light ended play 14 overs early.

Ranatunga's fourth century in 43 Tests was marked by two incidents. He had made 58 when he was involved in the controversial decision over a return catch to Cronje, the medium-pace bowler, which was ruled not out by umpire K. T. Francis on the grounds that it was a bump ball. The South African fielders disagreed.

Darryl Cullinan, fielding at mid-wicket, was cautioned by Brian Aldridge, the square leg umpire from New Zealand, for remarks to Francis. The fielder later apologised.

When he was on 94, Ranatunga took a full toss from Brett Schultz on his right toe and had to complete his hundred with the aid of a runner. He dealt severely with all the bowlers, racing to his century in 113 balls.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Equity & Law League

Northants v Leicestershire

NORTHAMPTON *(Leicestershire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Leicestershire by seven wickets*

LEICESTERSHIRE
T J Boon lbw b Walker 8
†P A Nixon lbw b Curran 24
*J J Whitaker c Felton b Walker 0
P E Robinson b Taylor 18
V J Wells b Bailey 35
B F Smith not out 53
J Dakin run out 18
G J Parsons not out 24
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 9) 18
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs) 198
D J Millns, A D Mullally and A R K Pierson did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-24, 3-47, 4-69, 5-121, 6-145
BOWLING. Walker 7-0-30-2, Curran 7-1-29-1, Taylor 10-0-45-1, Bowen 6-0-24-0; Cook 10-1-34-0; Bailey 10-3-25-1

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
A Fordham run out 10
N A Felton st Nixon b Pierson 37
R J Bailey c Nixon b Mullally 11
R J Warren not out 71
*A J Lamb not out 42
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 13, nb 12) 29
Total (3 wkts, 43.4 overs) 200
K M Curran, †W M Noon, M N Bowen, A Walker, J P Taylor and N G B Cook did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-49, 3-107.
BOWLING. Millns 6-0-35-0; Parsons 10-0-32-0, Mullally 8-0-37-1, Wells 4-0-14-0; Pierson 10-0-48-1, Dakin 5.4-0-30-0.
Umpires: G I Burgess and P B Wight.

Glamorgan v Gloucestershire

EBBW VALE *(Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by 31 runs*

GLAMORGAN
S P James b Smith 38
*H Morris c Russell b Walsh 5
A Dale c Russell b Williams 29
M P Maynard c Hancock b Babington 69
I V A Richards c Walsh b Williams 14
P A Cottey c Russell b Walsh 19
R D B Croft c Hinks b Smith 20
R P Lefebvre b Smith 19
†C P Metson c Williams b Smith 1
S L Watkin not out 2
S R Barwick not out 4
Extras (lb 6, w 2, nb 14) 22
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 242
FALL OF WICKETS. 1-12, 2-84, 3-88, 4-107, 5-145, 6-187, 7-217, 8-234, 9-234.
BOWLING: Babington 10-0-53-1, Walsh 10-1-45-2; Smith 10-1-56-4; Williams 10-0-37-2; Scott 6-1-21-0, Alleyne 4-0-24-0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
S G Hinks c Richards b Dale 62
A J Wright c Richards b Watkin 11
R I Dawson c Metson b Lefebvre 6
M W Alleyne b Croft 28
R J Scott b Watkin 28
T H C Hancock lbw b Watkin 23
†R C Russell c Cottey b Barwick 22
R C Williams lbw b Dale 0
*C A Walsh c and b Dale 4
A M Smith not out 14
A M Babington c Watkin b Lefebvre 2
Extras (lb 4, w 5) 9
Total (47.5 overs) 211
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-79, 3-82, 4-128, 5-157, 6-164, 7-167, 8-188, 9-202.
BOWLING. Watkin 10-0-55-3, Lefebvre 8.5-3-23-2; Barwick 9-1-49-1; Croft 10-1-33-1, Dale 9-0-41-3; Richards 1-0-6-0
Umpires: K E Palmer and G A Stickley

Lancashire v Kent

OLD TRAFFORD *(Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Lancashire by six wickets*

LANCASHIRE
M A Atherton c Marsh b Igglesden 1
G D Lloyd run out 53
J P Crawley c Marsh b Headley 12
*N H Fairbrother c Longley b Headley 3
N J Speak c Igglesden b Fleming 24
Wasim Akram b Igglesden 29
M Watkinson c Fulton b Fleming 20
P A J DeFreitas c Fulton b Fleming 21
I D Austin c Headley b Fleming 7
†W K Hegg not out 5
G Yates run out 8
Extras (lb 7, w 2) 9
Total (49.5 overs) 192
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-38, 3-44, 4-93, 5-100, 6-140, 7-165, 8-179, 9-180.
BOWLING: Igglesden 10-3-39-2; Ealham 10-2-29-0; Headley 9.5-1-50-2; Fleming 10-0-48-4; Hooper 10-1-21-0.

KENT
T R Ward c Hegg b DeFreitas 12
D P Fulton run out 29
C L Hooper not out 87
J I Longley run out 7
M A Ealham run out 8
N J Llong not out 44
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 3) 8
Total (4 wkts, 42.3 overs) 193
G R Cowdrey, M V Fleming, *†S A Marsh, D W Headley and A P Igglesden did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS 1-13, 2-68, 3-97, 4-111
BOWLING: Austin 8-0-37-0; DeFreitas 10-0-42-1, Wasim Akram 7-0-28-0, Yates 9-2-34-0; Watkinson 5.3-0-47-0

Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire

TRENT BRIDGE *(Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 142 runs*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
P Johnson c Barnett b Mortensen 75
P R Pollard lbw b Steer 91
*R T Robinson not out 78
M Saxelby c Cork b Base 30
G W Mike c Krikken b Base 0
M A Crawley c Adams b Cork 16
K P Evans c Bowler b Warner 7
†B N French not out 4
Extras (lb 5, w 3, nb 18) 26
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs) 329
R T Bates, R A Pick and D B Pennett did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-169, 2-201, 3-264, 4-284, 5-294, 6-303.
BOWLING: Mortensen 10-0-53-1, Base 10-0-82-2; Cork 8-0-66-1; Warner 8-0-52-1; Adams 7-0-28-0; Steer 7-0-33-1

DERBYSHIRE
P D Bowler b Pennett 5
C J Adams c Pick b Mike 11
*K J Barnett lbw b Pick 28
T J G O'Gorman c French b Pick 5
A S Rollins b Mike 57
I G S Steer c Bates b Crawley 3
D G Cork b Evans 4
†K M Krikken lbw b Bates 16
A E Warner c French b Bates 15
S J Base c Pollard b Bates 23
O H Mortensen not out 2
Extras (lb 10, w 8) 18
Total (45.5 overs) 187
FALL OF WICKETS. 1-5, 2-24, 3-36, 4-75, 5-93, 6-111, 7-138, 8-160, 9-171
BOWLING: Mike 9.2-0-45-2; Pennett 8-2-18-1, Pick 8-2-20-2; Bates 8.5-0-43-3; Crawley 8-0-33-1; Evans 5.4-0-17-1
Umpires: V A Holder and R Palmer.

Surrey v Somerset

THE OVAL *(Somerset won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Somerset by five wickets*

SOMERSET
M N Lathwell c and b Butcher 85
I Fletcher c Kersey b Hollioake 15
G W White b Waqar 0
*R J Harden b Waqar 38
G D Rose c Smith b Murphy 31
K A Parsons c Kersey b Waqar 1
Mushtaq Ahmed c Smith b Butcher 29
A Payne b Waqar 14
†R J Turner not out 5
J I D Kerr not out 1
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 3, nb 6) 18
Total (8 wkts, 49 overs) 238
H R J Trump did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-56, 3-142, 4-160, 5-173, 6-209, 7-229, 8-235.
BOWLING: Murphy 10-2-48-1; Butcher 10-0-71-2; Hollioake 10-2-44-1, Waqar Younis 9-2-25-4; Boiling 10-0-41-0

SURREY
D J Bicknell c Trump b Payne 76
P D Atkins st Turner b Trump 55
A D Brown st Turner b Mushtaq 26
*M A Lynch c Trump b Mushtaq 0
A W Smith b Mushtaq 9
A J Hollioake not out 47
M A Butcher not out 22
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 2) 6
Total (5 wkts, 48.3 overs) 241
†G J Kersey, Waqar Younis, J Boiling and A J Murphy did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-109, 2-150, 3-150, 4-162, 5-178
BOWLING: Rose 9.3-2-33-0; Kerr 10-1-57-0; Payne 9-0-55-1; Trump 10-0-58-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 10-2-37-3.
Umpires: D O Oslear and D J Constant.

Warwickshire v Worcestershire

EDGBASTON *(Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Worcestershire by 44 runs*

WARWICKSHIRE
A J Moles run out 8
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Haynes 5
D P Ostler c Haynes b Radford 43
P A Smith lbw b Haynes 11
Asif Din c Rhodes b Radford 42
*D A Reeve b Illingworth 21
R G Twose not out 32
N M K Smith c Haynes b Radford 0
†K J Piper not out 10
Extras (lb 8, w 8, nb 2) 18
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) 188
D R Brown and T A Munton did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-18, 3-38, 4-108, 5-144, 6-144, 7-148.
BOWLING: Newport 10-5-24-0; Haynes 10-1-21-2; Illingworth 10-0-45-1; Lampitt 10-1-48-0; Radford 10-1-42-3.

WORCESTERSHIRE
*T S Curtis lbw b P A Smith 16
D B D'Oliveira c Piper b Munton 5
G A Hick c Ostler b P A Smith 17
G R Haynes c N M K Smith b Twose 28
D A Leatherdale lbw b P A Smith 5
†S J Rhodes b P A Smith 4
M J Weston c and b Twose 18
S R Lampitt c Ostler b P A Smith 19
P J Newport b Twose 9
R K Illingworth not out 4
N V Radford c and b Reeve 0
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 2, nb 10) 19
Total (48.3 overs) 144
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-38, 3-47, 4-55, 5-85, 6-92, 7-122, 8-134, 9-144.
BOWLING: Reeve 5.3-1-12-1, Munton 8-3-11-1; Brown 8-1-23-0; P A Smith 10-0-36-5; Twose 10-1-35-3; N M K Smith 6-1-21-0.
Umpires: J W Holder and G Sharp.

Essex v Middlesex

COLCHESTER *(Middlesex won toss): Match tied. Essex 2pts, Middlesex 2*

MIDDLESEX
P N Weekes b Stephenson 48
D L Haynes c Boden b Salim 101
M R Ramprakash c Such b Ilott 53
*M W Gatting c Gooch b Salim 15
J D Carr c Gooch b Salim 6
†K R Brown not out 3
J E Emburey st Garnham b Ilott 0
R L Johnson not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 8, nb 2) 12
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs) 236
A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell and C W Taylor did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-121, 2-186, 3-216, 4-232, 5-235, 6-236.
BOWLING: Ilott 10-1-37-2; Topley 5-0-31-0; Boden 4-1-29-0; Stephenson 7-0-30-1; Such 10-0-41-0; Knight 5-0-30-0; Salim Malik 9-0-38-3.

ESSEX
P J Prichard c Brown b Johnson 23
J P Stephenson c sub b Taylor 41
Salim Malik c and b Weekes 67
*G A Gooch c Gatting b Tufnell 10
N Shahid c Fraser b Weekes 40
N V Knight c Brown b Weekes 15
†M A Garnham not out 12
T D Topley lbw b Weekes 2
M C Ilott b Johnson 3
P M Such b Johnson 0
D J P Boden run out 2
Extras (lb 8, w 5, nb 8) 21
Total (50 overs) 236
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-86, 3-111, 4-193, 5-207, 6-227, 7-229, 8-234, 9-234.
BOWLING: Fraser 8-0-40-0; Johnson 7-0-35-3; Taylor 5-0-20-1; Emburey 10-0-40-0; Weekes 10-0-46-4; Tufnell 10-0-47-1.
Umpires: B Dudleston and N T Plews.

Hampshire v Sussex

PORTSMOUTH *(Hampshire won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Sussex by eight wickets*

SUSSEX
F D Stephenson c Terry b Turner 59
M P Speight c Nicholas b Connor 8
C W J Athey c Turner b Connor 0
*A P Wells b Turner 127
N J Lenham c Cox b Connor 69
†P Moores b Connor 12
K Greenfield st Aymes b Udal 9
J A North not out 14
I D K Salisbury c Terry b Udal 2
E E Hemmings not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 2, nb 2) 11
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) 312
E S H Giddins did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-29, 3-112, 4-273, 5-274, 6-298, 7-298, 8-299.
BOWLING: Connor 10-0-69-4; Shine 10-0-67-0; James 10-1-37-0; Turner 10-0-61-2; Udal 10-0-81-2.

HAMPSHIRE
V P Terry not out 124
J R Wood c Salisbury b Giddins 7
R A Smith c Athey b North 129
*M C J Nicholas not out 28
Extras (b 11, lb 5, w 9) 25
Total (2 wkts, 49.5 overs) 313
K D James, R M F Cox, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, C A Connor, K J Shine and I J Turner did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-255.
BOWLING: Giddins 10-0-58-1; Stephenson 9.5-1-39-0; North 8-0-48-1; Hemmings 7.3-0-28-0; Salisbury 10-0-73-0; Lenham 3-0-19-0; Greenfield 3.3-0-38-0.
Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd.

Yorkshire v Durham

HEADINGLEY *(Durham won toss): Durham (4pts) beat Yorkshire by 13 runs*

DURHAM
G Fowler c Blakey b Robinson 15
W Larkins c Kellett b Robinson 114
P W G Parker b Foster 54
P Bainbridge c Blakey b Grayson 17
S Hutton st Blakey b Grayson 3
I Smith c Robinson b Hartley 4
A C Cummins c Grayson b Hartley 2
†A R Fothergill run out 1
*D A Graveney not out 4
S J E Brown b Gough 0
S P Hughes not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 13, w 1) 15
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 230
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-186, 3-212, 4-215, 5-218, 6-221, 7-223, 8-228, 9-229.
BOWLING: Hartley 10-3-23-2; Gough 10-1-40-1; Robinson 10-1-36-2; White 10-0-43-0; Batty 3-0-27-0; Foster 4-0-29-1; Grayson 3-0-18-2.

YORKSHIRE
*M D Moxon st Fothergill b Graveney 64
D Byas c and b Bainbridge 28
†R J Blakey c Hutton b Bainbridge 28
S A Kellett c Fothergill b Smith 9
C White c Brown b Graveney 21
P J Hartley b Cummins 21
A P Grayson not out 18
M J Foster c Smith b Cummins 17
D Gough run out 3
J D Batty run out 1
M A Robinson not out 1
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 4) 9
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 217
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-103, 3-114, 4-149, 5-166, 6-176, 7-200, 8-209, 9-210.
BOWLING: Hughes 10-0-39-0; Cummins 10-0-51-2; Brown 8-0-33-0; Bainbridge 10-2-41-2; Graveney 10-0-32-2; Smith 4-0-17-1.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and H D Bird.

Test match

Sri Lanka v South Africa

MORATUWA *(fourth day of five): South Africa, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 340 runs to beat Sri Lanka*

SRI LANKA: First Innings 331 (H P Tillekeratne 92, R S Mahanama 53; A A Donald 5 for 69)

Second Innings
R S Mahanama lbw b Symcox 17
U C Hathurusinghe b Donald 9
P K Wijetunga c Hudson b Symcox 0
A P Gurusinha b Schultz 27
P A de Silva c Richardson b Symcox 68
*A Ranatunga b Schultz 131
H P Tillekeratne not out 33
R S Kalpage not out 0
Extras (b 3, lb 6, nb 6) 15
Total (6 wkts dec) 300
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-26, 3-34, 4-76, 5-196, 6-299.
BOWLING: Donald 22-5-73-1; Schultz 20-2-82-2; Cronje 8-2-27-0; Symcox 21-2-75-3; Eksteen 9-2-34-0.

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings
*K C Wessels c Tillekeratne b Muralidaran 47
A C Hudson c Gurusinha b Wijetunga 90
W J Cronje b Muralidaran 17
D J Cullinan lbw b Hathurusinghe 33
S J Cook b Wickremasinghe 7
J N Rhodes c Tillekeratne b Muralidaran 8
†D J Richardson c and b Wickremasinghe 2
P L Symcox c Mahanama b Muralidaran 48
C E Eksteen b Muralidaran 1
A A Donald not out 0
B N Schultz lbw b Kalpage 0
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 9) 14
Total 267
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-104, 2-152, 3-179, 4-203, 5-203, 6-208, 7-240, 8-262, 9-267.
BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 19-4-58-2; Gurusinha 3-0-3-0; Kalpage 17.5-6-23-1; Wijetunga 29-2-58-1; Muralidaran 39-8-104-5; De Silva 1-0-3-0; Hathurusinghe 4-0-14-1.

Second Innings
A C Hudson c Dassanayake b Hathurusinghe 4
*K C Wessels not out 9
W J Cronje c sub b Wickremasinghe 1
D J Cullinan not out 4
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 1) 7
Total (2 wkts) 25
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-15.
BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 6-0-14-1; Hathurusinghe 5-2-4-1; Muralidaran 1-0-1-0.
Umpires: B Aldridge and K T Francis.

Under-19 Test match

England v West Indies

HOVE *(final day of four): England U-19 beat West Indies U-19 by nine wickets*

ENGLAND UNDER-19: First Innings 561 (M P Dowman 267, R J Cunliffe 98; D Ramnarine 5 for 141)

Second Innings
M P Dowman c Ventura b Christopher 3
M P Vaughan not out 21
*M J Walker not out 30
Extras (b 1, nb 6) 7
Total (1 wkt) 61
FALL OF WICKET: 1-6.
BOWLING: Stuart 5-0-28-0; Christopher 4-0-25-1; Ramnarine 3.2-1-7-0.

WEST INDIES UNDER-19: First Innings
A Balliram run out 41
M Ventura st Rollins b Keedy 25
J Mitchum lbw b Chapple 106
S Chanderpaul c Cunliffe b Law 22
A Percival c Thomas b Law 79
*I Bradshaw c Rollins b Thomas 27
A Givance c Vaughan b Law 0
D Ramnarine lbw b Keedy 12
†A Coley not out 7
C Stuart b Thomas 0
R Christopher c Law b Keedy 11
Extras (b 8, lb 5, w 5, nb 18) 36
Total 365
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-118, 3-165, 4-298, 5-320, 6-320, 7-346, 8-348, 9-348.
BOWLING: Chapple 20-4-70-1; Law 25-7-83-3; Thomas 28-7-86-2; Keedy 42-18-79-3; Vaughan 9-3-21-0; Dowman 6-0-23-0.

Second Innings
A Balliram lbw b Keedy 11
M Ventura c Vaughan b Thomas 38
J Mitchum lbw b Law 15
*I Bradshaw c Daley b Keedy 1
D Ramnarine c Dowman b Law 16
S Chanderpaul c Rollins b Keedy 91
A Percival c Law b Thomas 12
A Givance c Trescothick b Vaughan 25
†A Coley lbw b Keedy 25
C Stuart not out 0
R Christopher c Law b Chapple 1
Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 4, nb 12) 18
Total 256
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-62, 3-67, 4-85, 5-87, 6-123, 7-163, 8-248, 9-253.
BOWLING: Law 16-1-82-2; Chapple 16.2-8-37-1; Vaughan 18-7-30-1; Keedy 43-18-71-4; Thomas 11-3-34-2.
Umpires: R A White and R Julian.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Surrey v Somerset

THE OVAL *(third day of four): Surrey, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 383 runs to beat Somerset*

SOMERSET: First Innings 275 for 9 dec (I Fletcher 63)

Second Innings
A N Hayhurst lbw b Benjamin 6
M N Lathwell c Stewart b Benjamin 6
*R J Harden c Brown b Kendrick 132
I Fletcher c Butcher b Waqar 23
†R J Turner c Kersey b Benjamin 70
G D Rose c and b Hollioake 27
Mushtaq Ahmed c Butcher b Benjamin 6
N A Mallender not out 34
H R J Trump not out 15
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 16) 25
Total (7 wkts dec) 344
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-14, 3-75, 4-226, 5-262, 6-270, 7-304
BOWLING: Benjamin 29-6-79-4, Waqar Younis 28-8-85-1; Hollioake 18-3-63-1, Butcher 14-1-35-0; Kendrick 37-15-50-1; Smith 5-1-23-0

SURREY: First Innings 199 (A P van Troost 5 for 47)

Second Innings
D J Bicknell c and b van Troost 2
R I Alikhan not out 9
A W Smith not out 14
Extras (lb 10, w 1) 11
Total (1 wkt) 36
FALL OF WICKET: 1-2
BOWLING: Van Troost 7-4-7-1; Mallender 5-2-8-0; Rose 4-2-8-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 2-0-5-0.
Bonus points: Surrey 4, Somerset 6
Umpires: D J Constant and D O Oslear.

Yorkshire v Durham

HEADINGLEY *(third day of four): Yorkshire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 236 runs ahead of Durham*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 400 (C White 146, M D Moxon 77; P Bainbridge 5 for 53)

Second Innings
*M D Moxon c Graveney b Hughes 0
S A Kellett not out 82
D Byas lbw b Brown 17
C White c Hutton b Bainbridge 41
†R J Blakey c Larkins b Bainbridge 0
A P Grayson b Smith 11
R D Stemp b Bainbridge 1
P J Hartley not out 3
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 2) 13
Total (6 wkts) 168
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-39, 3-144, 4-146, 5-163, 6-164.
BOWLING: Wood 8-2-20-0; Hughes 15-2-43-1; Brown 12-2-31-1; Bainbridge 15-8-33-3; Graveney 9-3-20-0; Smith 8-4-10-1.

DURHAM: First Innings
G Fowler c White b Robinson 138
W Larkins c Kellett b Gough 2
P W G Parker b Gough 6
S Hutton lbw b Hartley 73
P Bainbridge c Hartley b Stemp 38
I Smith c Blakey b White 4
†C W Scott lbw b Gough 9
J Wood b Robinson 26
*D A Graveney b Gough 10
S J E Brown lbw b Gough 0
S P Hughes not out 0
Extras (b 9, lb 15, nb 4) 28
Total 332
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-20, 3-225, 4-246, 5-259, 6-287, 7-312, 8-332, 9-332.
BOWLING: Hartley 32-15-50-1; Gough 28-6-79-5; White 10-1-27-1; Robinson 24.5-1-89-2; Stemp 15-3-48-1; Batty 9-3-15-0.
Bonus points: Yorkshire 7, Durham 5.
Umpires: H D Bird and J C Balderstone.

Northamptonshire v Leicestershire

NORTHAMPTON *(third day of four): Leicestershire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, need 24 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Northamptonshire*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 467 (A J Lamb 162, N A Felton 105, R J Bailey 59)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings
T J Boon c Lamb b Bowen 110
P N Hepworth lbw b Bowen 13
*J J Whitaker c Love b Taylor 44
V J Wells b Curran 50
P E Robinson lbw b Curran 13
B F Smith c Bailey b Curran 6
†P A Nixon c Bailey b Roberts 16
G J Parsons b Roberts 5
A R K Pierson not out 10
D J Millns c Bowen b Roberts 13
A D Mullally b Ambrose 9
Extras (b 8, lb 7, w 1, nb 2) 18
Total 307
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-105, 3-209, 4-239, 5-246, 6-249, 7-262, 8-287, 9-268.
BOWLING: Ambrose 23.5-3-60-1: Taylor 18-6-57-1; Curran 16-6-35-3; Bowen 17-3-57-2; Roberts 24-6-51-3; Bailey 19-7-32-0.

Second Innings
T J Boon b Roberts 37
P N Hepworth not out 38
*J J Whitaker b Roberts 21
V J Wells c Lamb b Bowen 1
P E Robinson not out 27
Extras (b 4, lb 8) 12
Total (3 wkts) 136
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-97, 3-98.
BOWLING: Ambrose 9-1-22-0; Taylor 7-2-12-0, Curran 7-3-12-0; Bowen 11-4-31-1; Roberts 18-8-32-2; Bailey 9-3-15-0.
Bonus points: Northamptonshire 8, Leicestershire 6.
Umpires. P B Wight and G I Burgess.

Glamorgan v Gloucestershire

ABERGAVENNY *(third day of four). Gloucestershire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, need 224 runs to beat Glamorgan*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 292 (I V A Richards 95, M P Maynard 93)

Second Innings
S P James lbw b Walsh 1
A Dale c Russell b Walsh 10
*M P Maynard st Russell b Davies 95
P A Cottey c Ball b Cooper 63
D L Hemp c Russell b Alleyne 52
R D B Croft c Ball b Hancock 21
†C P Metson not out 18
R P Lefebvre c Russell b Walsh 17
S L Watkin lbw b Cooper 1
S R Barwick c Ball b Cooper 0
I V A Richards absent hurt 0
Extras (lb 14, nb 5) 19
Total 297
FALL OF WICKETS 1-4, 2-21, 3-129, 4-221, 5-253, 6-257, 7-286, 8-293, 9-297.
BOWLING: Walsh 25-6-83-3; Cooper 25.2-8-66-3, Alleyne 8-3-14-1; Hancock 8-1-35-1, Davies 17-3-57-1; Ball 8-1-28-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 158 (B C Broad 72)

Second Innings
B C Broad c Metson b Watkin 33
G D Hodgson not out 107
R I Dawson c Hemp b Croft 46
S G Hinks c Metson b Watkin 19
M Davies not out 0
Extras (lb 2, w 1) 3
Total (3 wkts) 208
FALL OF WICKETS. 1-83, 2-171, 3-208.
BOWLING: Watkin 21-5-43-2; Barwick 25-10-50-0, Dale 17-2-65-0; Croft 26-11-48-1
Bonus points: Glamorgan 8, Gloucestershire 4.
Umpires: K E Palmer and G A Stickley.

Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire

TRENT BRIDGE *(third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 178 runs ahead of Derbyshire*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 500 for 8 dec (P R Pollard 180, W A Dessaur 104, R T Robinson 78)

Second Innings
P R Pollard not out 32
W A Dessaur not out 49
Extras 0
Total (no wkt) 81
BOWLING: Cork 10-2-24-0; Base 8-2-24-0, Vandrau 8-2-14-0; Sladdin 7-1-19-0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings
P D Bowler not out 153
J E Morris c Mike b Lewis 13
C J Adams b Bates 175
A S Rollins lbw b Mike 5
M J Vandrau lbw b Mike 3
D G Cork c French b Lewis 27
F A Griffith b Lewis 1
†K M Krikken not out 2
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 1, nb 10) 24
Total (6 wkts dec, 114 overs) 403
*K J Barnett, R W Sladdin and S J Base did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-312, 3-329, 4-333, 5-377, 6-387.
BOWLING: Lewis 27-5-91-3; Mike 23-6-87-2; Pennett 14-1-57-0, Hindson 15-2-67-0; Bates 24-7-70-1; Crawley 11-4-18-0.
Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 6, Derbyshire 5.
Umpires: V A Holder and R Palmer.

Lancashire v Kent

LYTHAM *(third day of four): Kent, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 324 runs ahead of Lancashire*

KENT: First Innings 263 (M A Ealham 85, S A Marsh 63; Wasim Akram 5 for 68)

Second Innings
D P Fulton c Speak b Yates 40
T R Ward lbw b Watkinson 1
N J Llong b Wasim 40
C L Hooper not out 147
N R Taylor lbw b Wasim 4
G R Cowdrey lbw b Wasim 8
*†S A Marsh run out 39
M A Ealham c and b Yates 79
D W Headley not out 8
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 18) 23
Total (7 wkts) 389
FALL OF WICKETS. 1-9, 2-71, 3-99, 4-111, 5-123, 6-210, 7-368.
BOWLING: Wasim Akram 21-5-55-3; DeFreitas 12-2-39-0; Watkinson 26-4-107-1; Yates 37-5-108-2; Barnett 19-4-76-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 328 (J P Crawley 76, N H Fairbrother 75, M M Patel 5 for 107)
Bonus points: Lancashire 6, Kent 5.
Umpires: J D Bond and P Willey

Warwickshire v Worcestershire

EDGBASTON *(third day of four): Warwickshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 87 runs behind Worcestershire*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 206 (D P Ostler 56)

Second Innings
A J Moles c Rhodes b Illingworth 38
J D Ratcliffe c Leatherdale b Tolley 1
D P Ostler c Rhodes b Illingworth 50
Asif Din not out 6
†K J Piper not out 4
Extras (b 1, lb 4) 5
Total (3 wkts) 104
FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-85, 3-99.
BOWLING. Radford 7-0-28-0; Tolley 5-4-1-1; Hick 19-11-25-0, Newport 8-2-28-0; Illingworth 14-11-10-2; D'Oliveira 4-1-7-0

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
*T S Curtis lbw b Smith 13
M J Weston c Ratcliffe b Bell 31
G A Hick b Smith 46
G R Haynes c Ostler b Smith 13
D B D'Oliveira c Reeve b Booth 25
D A Leatherdale c Reeve b Small 2
†S J Rhodes b Smith 101
P J Newport c Small b Smith 76
C M Tolley c Asif Din b Booth 22
R K Illingworth not out 39
N V Radford b Twose 11
Extras (b 6, lb 12) 18
Total 397
Score at 120 overs: 232-6
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-89, 3-100, 4-111, 5-118, 6-168, 7-318, 8-319, 9-374.
BOWLING: Small 37-15-73-1; Bell 42-11-111-1; Smith 48-18-103-5; Reeve 18-9-27-0; Twose 12.2-1-29-1; Booth 29-12-36-2.
Bonus points: Warwickshire 3, Worcestershire 5.
Umpires: G Sharp and J W Holder.

Hampshire v Sussex

PORTSMOUTH *(third day of four): Sussex, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 362 runs ahead of Hampshire*

SUSSEX: First Innings 439 (D M Smith 150, M P Speight 121)

Second Innings
C W J Athey lbw b James 74
N J Lenham lbw b James 28
†P Moores b Udal 7
*A P Wells c Cox b Flint 57
M P Speight c Smith b Flint 13
F D Stephenson c Aymes b Flint 6
I D K Salisbury not out 48
D M Smith not out 23
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 2, nb 6) 16
Total (6 wkts) 272
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-87, 3-151, 4-166, 5-176, 6-213.
BOWLING. Shine 12-2-41-0; James 22-6-54-2, Udal 30-4-96-1; Flint 23-0-73-3.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings
V P Terry lbw b Hemmings 11
R A Smith c Smith b Stephenson 12
K D James c Moores b Giddins 14
D I Gower c Wells b Hemmings 113
*M C J Nicholas c and b Salisbury 35
R M F Cox b Hemmings 6
†A N Aymes not out 107
D P J Flint c sub b Pigott 4
M D Marshall retired hurt 11
S D Udal c Athey b Stephenson 12
K J Shine c Moores b Pigott 4
Extras (lb 4, nb 16) 20
Total (105.2 overs) 349
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-26, 3-67, 4-131, 5-149, 6-298, 7-301, 8-344, 9-349.
BOWLING: Stephenson 14-1-48-2; Giddins 23-0-86-1; Hemmings 32-15-74-3; Salisbury 13-1-65-1: Lenham 9-2-26-0; Athey 5-1-14-0; Pigott 9.2-0-30-2.
Bonus points: Hampshire 5, Sussex 8.
Umpires A A Jones and D R Shepherd

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Tributes in memory of outstanding journalist

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Seely, the distinguished racing correspondent of *The Times* until his retirement in 1991, died of cancer yesterday at his home in Nottinghamshire. He was 67.

Seely will be remembered as an outstanding racing journalist and a remarkable character who displayed enormous courage in the final months of his life. Although seriously ill for much of this year, Seely refused to allow himself or those around him to become downcast as he determinedly attended the main meetings including, most recently, Glorious Goodwood, and continued to write about them for *Horse & Hound*.

Lord Hartington, the senior steward of the Jockey Club and chairman of the British Horseracing Board, yesterday led the tributes to a man he described as "one of the most popular in racing". "He was universally loved and you only had to meet him for five minutes to understand why. He was incredibly kind to everyone.

"When he became ill, the way everybody rallied round to do anything to help him and seek him out for a chat at the races reflected the affection in which he was held."

Seely was renowned for getting into various colourful scrapes and Lord Hartington said: "He was very much a one-off. There will never be anybody like him again. He was a brilliant journalist: very knowledgeable with an excellent historical perspective. He loved the good things of racing."

Dick Hern, the trainer who first met Seely 30 years ago while hunting with the Belvoir, said yesterday: "I shall miss Mikey very much. He was one of my great friends. I so enjoyed his articles in *The Times* and, latterly, the *Horse & Hound*. I shall miss his great sense of humour and fondness for living.

"He was undoubtedly one of the outstanding racing journalists of the last 30 years and a terribly nice person."

The Newmarket trainer Michael Stoute, a close friend and confidant of Seely's, said: "I always remember the reference to grace under pressure in *The Old Man and The Sea* by Hemmingway. That was certainly applicable to Seely.

"The tenacity and spirit the man showed throughout his illness was staggering. After the May meeting at York, I thought he would be unable to make a journey like that again and yet he came down to the July meeting at Newmarket and was out on the gallops in the morning. His spirit would not be submerged.

"He had a great command of the English language and that came out in what he wrote, although you had to know him to realise the blood, sweat and tears involved.

"He needed to be under pressure to produce. He did not have any discipline, which is why he had flair. I will remember him for his enthusiasm for racing and his love of people."

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Seely, left, and Hern enjoyed a close friendship of 30 years

Palacegate Jack speeds to victory

THE Palacegate Corporation syndicate is planning another raid on a rich Irish prize following the success of Palacegate Jack, trained by Jack Berry, in the Ir£150,000 Tattersalls Breeders Stakes at the Curragh on Saturday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

"There are more than 2,000 members in the syndicate and we are enjoying a great run of success at the moment," David Spencer, the syndicate's managing director, said. "We will be back to Ireland in a fortnight's time for the Flying Five sprint with Palacegate Episode."

Palacegate Jack's win was the 56th in the three-year history of the Palacegate Corporation. Victory owed much to his early pace. Drawn 12, he was out of the stalls so swiftly that his jockey, Stephen Craine, was able to cross to the stands' rail, from where he dominated the race. Better Folly proved best of the home team but she was two lengths adrift of the winner at the line.

Cois Na Tine, owned by the Manchester City footballer Niall Quinn, remained unbeaten when taking the group three EBF Futurity Stakes.

The Aga Khan's filly Keraka has the Moyglare Stud Stakes on her agenda after winning the group three Anglesey Stakes. The William Muir-trained Averti (IRE) started favourite but, having tried to make all, was swamped by Keraka's finish.

☐ Snurge will run in either the Irish St Leger or the Prix du Cadran after winning the group two Grand Prix de Deauville Lancel by a short head yesterday. In the Prix de la Nonette, John Dunlop's Talented was third to Shemaka but Michael Bell's Michelle Hicks was only eighth in the Prix du Calvados.

☐ *Ben Hanbury's En Attendant* was third to Bon Point in the group three Prix Quincey at Deauville on Saturday.



Berry: winner

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(£1,733: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

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2 352- BENGAL TIGER 33F (V) P Evans 5-11-0 ... B Clifford
3 PP- VERBAL WARNING 121 W Storey 5-11-0 ... K Johnson
4 00- KABELIA 115F S Coathup 5-10-9 ... R Greene (3)
5 WAWEEWAWOO 6F D Moffatt 5-10-9 ... A Orkney
6 5 AUNTIE LORNA 18 M Hammond 4-10-6 ... C Grant
7 3-60 SHAYNA MAIDEL 7 J Balsan 4-10-6 ... L O'Hara

7-4 Bengal Tiger, 3-1 Saoirse, 7-2 Auntie Lorna, 6-1 Shayna Maidel, 10-1 others.

2.50 BBC RADIO CUMBRIA CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,952: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 13-1 BEAUCADEAU 2 (CD,F) M Barnes 7-12-1 (7ex) ... A Dobbin
2 1-U3 ELEGANT KING 2 (G,S) A Jarvis 4-12-0 ... P Naughton (7)
3 260- MASTER'S CROWN 9F (CD,F,G,S) M Chapman 5-11-3 ... A Larnach
4 02-4 RINGLAND 16 (G) D Moffatt 5-11-1 ... D J Moffatt
5 6U0- JUST PULHAM 96 (S) S Payne 8-10-0 ... J Supple (3)

2-1 Ringland, 3-1 Beaucadeau, 4-1 Master's Crown, Elegant King, 8-1 Just Pulham.

3.25 JOHN CALVERT INSURANCE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,820: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 BP-6 GOOD FOR A LAUGH 31 (D,G) Mrs S Bramall 9-12-0 J Burke (7)
2 U4-2 JOYFUL NOISE 16 (G,S) A Jarvis 10-11-8 ... P Naughton (7)
3 0-12 CLEVER FOLLY 10 (CD,BF,F,G,S) G Richards 13-10-0 B Storey
4 6-51 RUPPLES 16 (CD,F,G) M Chapman 6-10-0 ... W Worthington

10-11 Clever Folly, 7-4 Joyful Noise, 5-1 Good For A Laugh, 6-1 Rupples.

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3 5P0- ONE FOR LUCK 55 (F) J J O'Neill 5-11-1 ... L Wyer
4 31-1 AS D'EBOLI 9 (F) M Hammond 6-10-8 ... C Grant
5 0-25 KRONPRINZ 16 (G) M Chapman 5-10-2 ... W Worthington

2-1 As D'Eboli, 5-2 Kronprinz, 11-4 John Shaw, 9-2 Desert Mist, 8-1 One For Luck.

4.35 VIKTOR NOVICES CHASE
(£2,422: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 05-1 DULZURA 16 (D,F) A Jarvis 5-11-4 ... T Jarvis
2 3F-2 KEEP SHARP 7 Mrs S Smith 7-11-0 ... L Wyer
3 /3P- SAY NO MORE 191 C Thornton 7-11-0 ... A Orkney
4 04P- STRONG VIEWS 140 (F,G,S) J White 6-11-0 ... N Williamson

Evens Keep Sharp, 6-4 Strong Views, 5-1 Dulzura, 14-1 Say No More

5.10 BRITISH NUCLEAR FUELS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,987: 2m 6f) (7)

1 22-R GREAT HEIGHTS 10 J J O'Neill 6-11-0 ... M Dwyer
2 /00- HIGH CASTE 201 (V) B Morgan 6-11-0 ... Lorna Vincent
3 PERSIAN EMPEROR 1176F S Coathup 6-11-0 ... R Greene (3)
4 02- SUGEMAR 9F M Chapman 7-11-0 ... W Worthington
5 3 BARTON PRIDE 16 M Hammond 4-10-11 ... C Grant
6 2- INVISIBLE ARMOUR 12F P Haslam 4-10-11 ... J Callaghan
7 5 STINGRAY CITY 7 (BF) L Lungo 4-10-11 ... F Perratt (7)

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(£1,492: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1 345- EMERALD VENTURE 292 (G) T Caldwell 6-12-0 Peter Caldwell
2 6-12 SAFARI PARK 16 (F) B Rothwell 4-11-11 ... G Cahill (7)
3 64-3 JUBILATA 7 M Wane 5-11-10 ... C Dennis
4 320- REEL OF TULLOCH 11F P Haslam 4-11-8 ... D Bentley (5)
5 33-0 SANDMOOR PRINCE 12 (F,G) P Pritchard 10-11-4 . P Pritchard
6 /P LOCHNDOM 7 A Le Blond 8-10-10 ... R Hodge
7 0P0- ALIZARI 5F (B) J Mooney 4-10-10 ... M Robinson

8-11 Safari Park, 4-1 Emerald Venture, 6-1 Reel Of Tulloch, 7-1 others

3.00 STAYTHORPE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(£1,380: 2m) (5)

1 600- BLUEJACKET 41F Mrs D Haine 5-11-4 ... G Bradley
2 0/0 BRECKENBROUGH LAD 18 D Turner 6-11-4 ... J A Harris
3 P0/ HIGH WATER 681 A Le Blond 6-11-4 ... R Hodge
4 3F-0 MAJOR RISK 18 P Bevan 4-11-1 ... W Bentley (3)
5 4P-0 CISTOLENA 4 (V) W Clay 7-10-13 ... Diane Clay

5-4 Bluejacket, 7-2 Major Risk, 9-2 Breckenbrough Lad, 6-1 others.

3.30 BRITISH COAL CLAIMING CHASE
(£1,865: 2m) (8)

1 /2F- MAGIC SOLDIER 185 (D,F,G,S) A Fowler 8-11-10 ... R Marley
2 20-2 ABSAILOR 7 (F) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-6 ... P Williams (5)
3 P BROTHER MINSTREL 16 C Penney 6-11-4 ... Mr A Pickering
4 34-U ANOTHER BARNEY 12 (D,F) A Barrow 9-10-12 ... I Lawrence
5 44-5 DIZZY DEALER 7 Mrs J Jordan 6-10-11 ... D Morris
6 0-03 RONOCCO 4 (D,F,G) Mrs S Williams 11-10-10 ... S McNeill
7 RUFUS BOY O Brennan 7-10-10 ... M Brennan
8 -284 SOLICITOR'S CHOICE 18 (V,F,S) T Bill 10-10-10 Mr R Armson

Evens Absailor, 9-2 Ronocco, 11-2 Magic Soldier, 7-1 Dizzy Dealer, 10-1 Solicitor's Choice, 12-1 Another Barney, 20-1 Rufus Boy, Brother Minstrel.

4.00 NEWARK HANDICAP CHASE
(£1,917: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 3F-2 OFF THE BRU 9 (D,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 8-12-0 Mr J Bradburne
2 0PP- KNOX'S CORNER 171 (D,G,S) R Curtis 8-11-4 ... D Morris
3 6-F4 CLARES HORSE 21 (G) J Upson 6-11-2 ... Mr T Byrne (7)
4 040- ANOTHER CORNER 88 (F,G,S) T Donnelly 10-10-9 Mr R Armson
5 5P0- FESTA DANCE 91 (B,D,F) J Mooney 10-10-9 ... M Robinson

4-6 Off The Bru, 5-1 Clares Horse, 7-1 Knox's Corner, 10-1 others.

4.30 ROSE COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,506: 2m) (6)

1 034- KING'S SHILLING 87 (CD,F,G) C Broad 6-12-0 ... Jacqui Oliver
2 000- ELDER PRINCE 233 (D,F,S) Ronald Thompson 7-10-10 G Harker
3 F0-4 NORTHERN NATION 18 (CD,G) W Clay 5-10-5 ... Diane Clay
4 50P- BLUE DISC 91 (CD,F,G,S) A Forbes 8-10-2 ... Gary Lyons
5 1PP- HAVE A NIGHTCAP 24F (CD,G) J Harris 4-10-0 ... J A Harris
6 52-2 JAMESTOWN BOY 18 (B,D,F,G,S) B Preece 5-10-0 ... T Wall

6-4 Jamestown Boy, 4-1 King's Shilling, 11-2 Northern Nation, 6-1 Have A Nightcap, 10-1 Elder Prince, 12-1 Blue Disc.

5.00 AVERHAM HURDLE
(Amateurs: £1,478: 2m 4f) (4)

1 112- SULUK 45F (CD,G) R Hollinshead 8-12-0 ... M Buckley (5)
2 63P- HIRAM B BIRDBATH 28F (B,CD,F,G) J Glover 7-11-5 ... Mrs P Nash (5)
3 232- LA FONTAINBLEAU 140 D Brown 5-11-5 ... A Rebori (7)
4 P-45 STORM WARRIOR 23 (B,G) B Preece 8-11-5 Miss L Boswell (7)

8-13 Suluk, 7-2 La Fontainbleau, 11-2 Storm Warrior, 7-1 Hiram B Birdbath.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER
2.25 Bumptious Boy. 2.55 Trumpet. 3.25 Allegation. 3.55 Millrous. 4.25 Copper Mine. 4.55 Frankus.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES)

2.25 PASSAGE HOUSE HOTEL NOVICES CHASE
(£2,434: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

1 065- ARCTICFLOW 86 (B) N Thomson 6-11-2 ... J Neaves (7)
2 000- BUMPTIOUS BOY 129 (F) A J Wilson 9-11-2 ... D Bridgwater
3 -PP4 COMIC LINE 12 (B) M Churches 8-11-2 ... S Burrough
4 /P04 DANNY'S LUCK 18 (F,G) B Scriven 11-11-2 ... S Mackey
5 /5-3 VIRGINIA'S BAY 7 (F) Graham Richards 7-11-2 ... Mr N Miles
6 /0F- WOODLANDS CROWN 25F D Jermy 10-11-2 ... N Mann
7 /0P- PARBOLD HILL 338 (G) K Burke 5-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald

11-8 Bumptious Boy, 100-30 Danny's Luck, 9-2 Parbold Hill, 11-2 Virginia's Bay, 8-1 Arcticflow, 16-1 others.

2.55 H A FOX ROLLS ROYCE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,284: 2m 6f) (4)

1 43F- KNIGHTON COOMBE 116 (G,S) T Forster 7-11-10 .. C Llewellyn
2 05-5 INNOCENT PRINCESS 18 (CD,F,G,S) D Barons 6-10-8 .. J Frost
3 -241 TRUMPET 7 (F) J D O'Shea 4-10-7 (5ex) ... M A Fitzgerald
4 445- RICH PICKINGS 2GF (S) D R Tucker 4-10-0 ... N Hawke

11-8 Trumpet, 2-1 Knighton Coombe, 9-4 Innocent Princess, 8-1 Rich Pickings.

3.25 FLYNN'S BISTRO JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,830: 2m 1f) (6)

1 ALLEGATION 94F M Pipe 10-12 ... J Lower
2 GLOWING PATH 17F R Hodges 10-12 ... G McCourt
3 6 IRISH DOMINION 20F D R Tucker 10-12 ... N Hawke
4 4 VENTURE PRINTS 18 S Cole 10-12 ... R Bellamy
5 WORKING TITLE 25F J Hills 10-12 ... J Osborne
6 43 APACHEE FLOWER 18 H Howe 10-7 ... Mr G Lewis (7)

Evens Allegation, 6-4 Glowing Path, 6-1 Working Title, 12-1 others.

3.55 PASSAGE HOUSE HOTEL CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,794: 2m 1f) (5)

1 0-14 SAFETY 24 (B,CD,BF,F,G) J White 6-11-8 ... D Skyrme
2 -112 MOYMET 19 (D,BF,F) K Burke 7-11-6 ... G McCourt
3 011- CHARLY PHARLY 91 (CD,F) R Frost 6-11-0 ... J Frost
4 310- EMERALD MOON 277 (D,G) W G Turner 6-11-0 .. S Burrough
5 -P12 MILLROUS 5 (B,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-10-7 ... J Lower

5-4 Charly Pharly, 7-2 Millrous, Moymet 5-1 Safety, 7-1 Emerald Moon.

4.25 PASSAGE HOUSE HOTEL HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,920: 2m 5f) (3)

1 12-1 COPPER MINE 21 (F,G,S) O Sherwood 7-12-0 ... J Osborne
2 055- MAJOR MATCH 158 (CD,F,G,S) T Forster 11-11-4 ... H Davies
3 332- PLAYPEN 86 (C,F,S) R Frost 9-10-5 ... J Frost

5-4 Copper Mine, 7-4 Major Match, 9-4 Playpen.

4.55 WESTOMATIC NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,880: 2m 1f) (5)

1 242- LITTLE NOD 91 J White 4-11-10 ... P McLoughlin (7)
2 04-1 FRANKUS 16 (D,F) S Mellor 4-11-6 ... S Earle
3 58/1 CLYRO 12 (D,F) P Murphy 5-11-1 ... N Mann
4 60-4 FULL SHILLING 16 K Burke 4-10-11 ... G McCourt
5 -BP0 NOW BOARDING 12 N Ayliffe 6-10-0 ... Mr N Bradley (7)

15-8 Clyro, 9-4 Frankus, 5-2 Little Nod, 5-1 Full Shilling, 20-1 Now Boarding.

PLUMPTON

THUNDERER
2.30 Cashable. 3.00 Norstock. 3.30 Striding Edge. 4.00 Manhattan Boy. 4.30 Pearls Beau. 5.00 Acrobate.

GOING: FIRM

2.30 SHAEF JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £1,405: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

1 U1 CASHABLE 21 (F) J Jenkins 11-4 ... S Smith Eccles
2 CONVOY 54F (B) C Mann 10-12 ... D Gallagher
3 4 DICKINS 24 P McEntee 10-12 ... G Crone (7)
4 PYRRHIC DANCE 25F J Hills 10-12 ... J Railton
5 0 FLYING AMY 21 W G M Turner 10-7 ... G Upton
6 4 MINTEEN 21 (BF) J White 10-7 ... A Maguire

11-8 Pyrrhic Dance, 100-30 Convoy, 9-2 Cashable, 5-1 Minteen, 12-1 Flying Amy, 16-1 Dickins.

3.00 POETHLYN NOVICES CHASE
(£1,672: 2m 5f) (3)

1 -112 NORSTOCK 18 (BF,F,G,S) J White 6-11-9 ... A Maguire
2 P60- STAR OF OUGHTERARD 111 (B,F) T McGovern 8-11-2 ... W McFarland
3 U5-4 MILLIE BELLE 29 (V,F) Miss B Sanders 7-10-11 ... M Richards

4-5 Norstock, 11-4 Millie Belle, 4-1 Star Of Oughterard.

3.30 EVENING ARGUS CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,576: 2m 1f) (5)

1 PF-4 DEVIL'S VALLEY 19 (B,G,S) R Rowe 10-11-10 ... L Dace (7)
2 664- TEL E THON 10F (V,CD,F,G) P Jones 6-11-3 ... D Leahy (5)
3 0-22 STRIDING EDGE 19 (CD,F,G) P Howling 8-10-7 D O'Sullivan (3)
4 2F-5 AEDEAN 5F (D,S) C Horgan 4-10-7 ... A Maguire
5 30-3 MADRAJ 5 (F) R Hodges 5-10-5 ... W McFarland

15-8 Striding Edge, 9-4 Madraj, 100-30 Aedean, 9-2 Tel E Thon, 8-1 Devil's Valley.

4.00 PEACEHAVEN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,171: 2m 4f) (4)

1 43-1 MANHATTAN BOY 24 (CD,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 11-11-10 ... A Maguire
2 240- DESERT PALM 119 (B,F,G) R Hodges 8-10-10 T Thompson (7)
3 41-0 CORINTHIAN GOD 5F (BF,F) D Wilson 4-10-2 ... L Harvey
4 40-0 TAPESTRY DANCER 24 (G) M Haynes 5-10-0 ... W McFarland

6-5 Manhattan Boy, 2-1 Corinthian God, 9-4 Desert Palm, 20-1 Tapestry Dancer

4.30 PLUM JAM HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,115: 2m) (2)

1 -112 PEARLS BEAU 9 (CD,BF,F) J Jenkins 6-11-10 . S Smith Eccles
2 0-35 COTAPAXI 18 (D,F) R Hodges 8-11-9 ... W Irvine

4-7 Pearls Beau, 11-10 Cotapaxi

5.00 BUXTED NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,443: 2m 4f) (5)

1 35-1 SINGING DETECTIVE 19 (V,F) P McEntee 6-11-6 .. G Crone (7)
2 44R/ ALLE-ROY 492 J Mulhern 5-11-0 ... D Gallagher
3 ACROBATE 9F D Elsworth 4-10-12 ... P Holley
4 0-4F PRIVATE JET 24 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-12 ... A Maguire
5 50- AUNT ADA 30F R Rowe 4-10-7 ... G Rowe

4-6 Acrobate, 9-4 Singing Detective, 8-1 Aunt Ada, 12-1 Private Jet, 20-1 Alle-Roy.

RIPON

THUNDERER
2.00 Daily Star. 2.30 Harding. 3.00 Major Success. 3.30 Jura Forest. 4.00 Jonsalan. 4.30 Elatis.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 Rynavey.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.00 STAINLEY SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,868: 6f) (13 runners)

1 2114 BENEFICIARY 6 D,(F,S) M H Easterby 8-11 ... M Birch 7
2 2215 CERTIFICATE-X 24 (F) M Johnston 8-11 ... R Hills 11
3 1360 CLARET BUMBLE 12 (D,F,G) P Haslam 8-11 ... K Darley 12
4 CULRAIN Miss S Hall 8-11 ... S Webster 13
5 6505 DEMON DANCER 25 M Camacho 8-11 ... N Connorton 3
6 6210 MOKAITE 16 (F) M Hammond 8-11 ... J Marshall (5) 10
7 14 AMORET 31 M Prescott 8-6 ... R Cochrane 1
8 5245 DAILY STAR 27 J Berry 8-6 ... J Carroll 2
9 BLIEHUSH J Leigh 8-6 ... Alex Greaves 5
10 0 PITIARA 17 M Barraclough 8-6 ... S Wood 4
11 632 RANDOM 25 C James 8-6 ... J Lowe 8
12 4400 REAL POPCORN 44 J Berry 8-6 ... J Carroll 6
13 0600 TILOUHILLIE ROSE 18 (B) M W Easterby 8-6 ... T Lucas 9

11-8 Beneficiary, 7-2 Certificate-X, 5-1 Claret Bumble, 7-1 Random, 10-1 Amoret, Mokaite, 12-1 Daily Star, 16-1 others.

2.30 BONUSPRINT RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,590: 1m) (5)

1 0345 BLAIR CASTLE 19 I Balding 9-0 ... R Cochrane 4
2 462 DALWOOD 20 W Haggas 9-0 ... M Roberts 3
3 206 HARDING 12 J Dunlop 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 2
4 000 RIVA'S BOOK 19 (B) J Bethell 9-0 ... J Carroll 5
5 4352 MIDUSHI 16 R Hannon 8-9 ... K Darley 1

5-2 Midushi, 11-4 Blair Castle, 7-2 Harding, 9-2 Dalwood, 20-1 Riva's Book.

3.00 BONUSPRINT CHAMPION TROPHY
(2-Y-O: £9,056.25: 6f) (7)

1 2401 BID FOR BLUE 12 (F,G) R Hannon 9-2 ... K Darley 5
2 684 ALANEES 12 C Brittain 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 2
3 1111 MAJOR SUCCESS 5 (D,F,G) B Hills 8-11 ... M Roberts 3
4 7134 MR M-E-N 18 (D,BF,G) J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll 6
5 1214 SNIPE HALL 55 (D,F,G,S) J Wharton 8-11 ... P Robinson 7
6 11 HANNAH'S MUSIC 16 (C,F,G) P Haslam 8-9 ... R Cochrane 1
7 1 EHTFAAL 20 (F) H Thomson Jones 8-6 ... R Hills 4

3-1 Snipe Hall, 7-2 Bid For Blue, 4-1 Ehtfaal, 7-1 Major Success, 10-1 Alanees, 12-1 Mr M-E-N, Hannah's Music.

3.30 RIPON ROWELS HANDICAP
(£7,505.00: 1m) (9)

1 1000 TAUFAN BLU 11 (F,G,S) B Beasley 4-10-0 ... D Thomas (7) 3
2 1304 BRIGANTE DI CIELO 17 (G,S) R Hannon 3-9-5 ... R Cochrane 2
3 2010 FOREVER DIAMONDS 32 (CD,F,G,S) M H Easterby 6-9-3 ... M Birch 5
4 0240 PIQUANT 9 (F,G,S) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-1 ... J Carroll 9
5 6105 NORTHERN BIRD 32 (F,G,S) B Hills 3-8-12 ... R Hills 6
6 6135 JURA FOREST 23 (D,BF,F) J Fanshawe 3-8-11 W R Swinburn 7
7 031 CAMBARA 9 (CD,F) M Stoute 3-8-9 ... M Roberts 1
8 3411 PRIDE OF PENDLE 6 (CD,F,G,S) P Calver 4-8-5 (6ex) K Darley 4
9 0663 NO SUBMISSION 24 (D,BF,G,S) D. Chapman 7-7-12 S Wood 8

5-1 Brigante Di Cielo, 6-1 Jura Forest, 13-2 Forever Diamonds, 7-1 Northern Bird, 8-1 Cambara, Pride Of Pendle, 10-1 others.

4.00 PATELEY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,305: 1m 2f) (14)

1 0322 ARMENIAN COFFEE 49 (B,BF) J Dunlop 9-7 ... R Cochrane 6
2 0032 LEAR KING 17 (BF) G Harwood 9-7 ... W R Swinburn 11
3 0112 DODGY DANCER 25 (D,F) M Channon 9-4 ... S Whitworth 7
4 -052 JONSALAN 80 T Mills 9-4 ... J Carroll 2
5 6500 MHEMEANLES 9 (B,F,G,S) M H Easterby 9-1 ... M Birch 1
6 40-3 BLOWEDIFIKNOW 33 J Wharton 9-1 ... P Robinson 8
7 5123 TRY N' FLY 37 (F) Mrs M Reveley 8-12 ... K Darley 13
8 5125 BRONZE MAQUETTE 13 (D,G) B McMath 8-6 . G Forster (7) 10
9 0006 ROYAL DIVA 19 (G) Miss S Hall 8-6 ... M Roberts 3
10 5021 TINSASHE 17 (F) W Jarvis 8-6 ... R Hills 12
11 4500 MERRY MERMAID 16 J Bottomley 7-13 ... L Charnock 4
12 6440 MONASTIC FLIGHT 35 B Rothwell 7-11 ... S Wood 5
13 00-0 HABEEBITTI NADIA 44 J Bethell 7-7 ... K Sked (7) 9
14 -093 GREYSTYLE 73 M Brittain 7-7 ... J Lowe 14

11-2 Tinsashe, 6-1 Lear King, 7-1 Armenian Coffee, Dodgy Dancer, 8-1 Merry Mermaid, Jonsalan, Try N'Fly, 10-1 Bronze Maquette, 12-1 others.

4.30 GRASSINGTON MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,348: 1m 4f 60yd) (6)

1 040 EDITHMEAD 19 P Harris 8-11 ... S Whitworth 6
2 3 ELATIS 9 J Gosden 8-11 ... M Roberts 3
3 0-52 KARDELLE 9 R Charlton 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 4
4 RYNAVEY H Cecil 8-11 ... J Lowe 5
5 05 TOKYO 9 M Stoute 8-11 ... K Darley 1
6 23 TREE OF LIFE 38 L Cumani 8-11 ... R Cochrane 2

7-4 Tree Of Life, 3-1 Kardelle, 4-1 Elatis, 5-1 Rynavey, 10-1 Tokyo, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS. H Cecil, 22 winners from 42 runners, 52.4%; J Dunlop, 9 from 23, 39.1%; G Harwood, 3 from 9, 33.3%; M Stoute, 12 from 42, 28.6%; L Cumani, 8 from 28, 28.6%; J Gosden, 9 from 37, 24.3%.

JOCKEYS: W R Swinburn, 7 winners from 27 rides, 25.9%; M Roberts, 12 from 54, 22.2%; K Darley, 25 from 158, 15.8%; R Cochrane, 8 from 51, 15.7%; J Carroll, 15 from 101, 14.9%; M Birch, 23 from 190, 12.1%.

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER
2.10 Edge Of Darkness. 2.40 Pursuit Of Glory. 3.15 Mr Rough. 3.45 Velasco. 4.20 Obelos. 4.50 Big Pat.

SIS
GOING: GOOD
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 COPPICE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,070: 2m) (7 runners)

1 0-00 GHOSTLY GLOW 10 (F,G) C C Elsey 4-9-1 ... J Quinn 7
2 3350 EDGE OF DARKNESS 18 (G,S) J Hills 4-8-13 ... G Duffield 6
3 /0-0 CHASMARELLA 119J A Moore 8-8-12 ... E Johnson 5
4 3126 EARLY TO RISE 4 (G) C Cyzer 3-8-6 ... M Wigham 4
5 0 FRAGMENT 20 D Morley 3-8-6 ... M Tebbutt 1
6 4502 NOMADIC FIRE 7J D Wintle 3-8-4 ... J Weaver 3
7 -000 MONAZITE 7 (B) M Jarvis 3-8-2 ... D Biggs 2

6-4 Edge Of Darkness, 2-1 Nomadic Fire, 3-1 Early To Rise, 8-1 Fragment, 12-1 Monazite, 20-1 Chasmarella, Ghostly Glow.

2.40 MEREVALE MAIDEN AUCTION FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,830: 6f 3yd) (5)

1 0 CAZANOVE'S PET 89 G Bravery 8-11 ... C Hodgson (3) 3
2 202 DUBALL REMY 107 Miss G Kelleway 8-11 ... Gay Kelleway 4
3 LOOKIN' ROSIE J Scargill 8-11 ... M Tebbutt 2
4 MOORLAND DANCER W Haggas 8-11 ... N Day 1
5 0 PURSUIT OF GLORY 27 C Cyzer 8-11 ... G Duffield 5

6-4 Duball Remy, 2-1 Pursuit Of Glory, 5-2 Cazanove's Pet, 8-1 Lookin' Rosie, 10-1 Moorland Dancer

3.15 SPINNEY SELLING NURSERY
(2-Y-O: £1,725: 1m 3yd) (6)

1 4031 HENRY'S LUCK 5 (F) M Channon 9-8 (7ex) ... R Painter (7) 1
2 3223 PRINCESS CARMEN 9 N Callaghan 9-7 ... G Duffield 6
3 3430 SHIFNAK 14 W Haggas 9-5 ... Sally Radford-Howes (7) 4
4 2023 SHUTTLECOCK 23 P Haslam 9-2 ... J Weaver 2
5 3630 MR ROUGH 9 D Morris 8-12 ... C Hodgson (3) 5
6 0404 SALT STONE 13 (V) M Tompkins 8-11 ... S Mulvey (7) 3

2-1 Henry's Luck, 3-1 Princess Carmen, 4-1 Shuttlecock, 5-1 Salt Stone, 6-1 Mr Rough, 8-1 Shifnak.

3.45 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES (Handicap: £3,980: 1m 3yd) (12)

1 -003 SAND TABLE 123 (G) J Sutcliffe 4-10-0 ... M Wigham 6
2 0260 BRAVURA 19 W Haggas 4-9-10 ... N Day 7
3 0321 SAIFAN 55 (B,CD,F) D Morris 4-9-9 ... C Hodgson (3) 3
4 4200 BLOCKADE 23 (CD,F,G,S) M Bell 4-9-8 ... J Tate (5) 11
5 D-61 AWESOME VENTURE 24 (S) J Toller 3-9-8 ... J Weaver 8
6 0320 BUZZARDS BELLBUOY 34 (V,CD,G,S) H Collingridge 4-9-7 ... J Quinn 12
7 1510 SHINING JEWEL 19 (CD,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 6-9-5 ... G Milligan (7) 10
8 0000 WYNONA 17 (G) G Bravery 3-9-4 ... M Tebbutt 5
9 0002 BRAVEBOY 11 C Brittain 5-8-10 ... B Doyle (3) 4
10 1143 VELASCO 67 (D,S) M Prescott 3-8-9 ... G Duffield 2
11 1222 RED COTTON 12 (D,BF,G) M Stoute 3-8-6 ... P D'Arcy 9
12 4404 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 11 (D,G) D Thom 4-7-13 ... D Biggs 1

5-1 Velasco, 11-2 Saifan, 6-1 Braveboy, Red Cotton, 8-1 Sand Table, 9-1 Blockade, 10-1 Awesome Venture, Buzzards Bellbuoy, 12-1 others.

4.20 EBF ASTON MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,664: 7f 3yd) (13)

1 CHAPTER TWO W Haggas 9-0 ... N Day 13
2 0 COUCHANT 12 G Wragg 9-0 ... G Duffield 12
3 METALWORK C Brittain 9-0 ... B Doyle (3) 8
4 OBELOS Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ... D Biggs 2
5 SPANISH STRIPPER J Toller 9-0 ... J Weaver 10
6 0 SUNDAY RISK 37 J Payne 9-0 ... W Hood 11
7 VAYELLO A Stewart 9-0 ... J Quinn 7
8 CRACKLING SIKE D Morley 8-9 ... M Tebbutt 5
9 HOLLY ST GERMAINE P McBride 8-9 ... C Hodgson (3) 6
10 0 MUSICAL SQUIRREL 12 B McMath 8-9 ... E Johnson 1
11 NEPTUNALIA M Stoute 8-9 ... P D'Arcy 9
12 02 ONE WILD OAT 37 M Stoute 8-9 ... J Tate (5) 4
13 0 POSSIBILITY 12 Mrs L Piggott 8-9 ... G Milligan (7) 3

3-1 One Wild Oat, 4-1 Obelos, 5-1 Metalwork, 6-1 Neptunalia, 8-1 Chapter Two, Possibility, 10-1 others.

4.50 STEWARDS LIMITED STAKES
(£1,725: 1m 3f 101yd) (9)

1 3013 BIG PAT 7 (D,F,G) J Pearce 4-9-7 ... J Tate (5) 8
2 /00- COUNT BARACHOIS 518 D Morris 5-9-7 ... C Hodgson (3) 2
3 5000 DEBACLE 24J (G) B McMath 4-9-7 ... E Johnson 5
4 0400 ROMOLA NIJINSKY 34 (S) P Evans 5-9-2 ... N Day 7
5 30-6 SEVERINE 13 (F) R Guest 4-9-2 ... J Quinn 1
6 5265 MUTAWALI 17 D Morley 3-8-11 ... J Weaver 6
7 D040 NAHLATI 11 C Brittain 3-8-6 ... B Doyle (3) 4
8 0332 RISPOTO 11 M Prescott 3-8-6 ... G Duffield 9
9 3555 ROSE NOBLE 11 W Jarvis 3-8-6 ... M Tebbutt 3

11-4 Rispoto, 7-2 Big Pat, 5-1 Severine, 6-1 Mutawali, 7-1 Romola Nijinsky, 8-1 Rose Noble, 10-1 Nahlati, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Stewart, 15 winners from 59 runners, 25.4%; M Stoute, 18 from 88, 20.5%; Mrs J Cecil, 6 from 30, 20%; G Wragg, 17 from 89, 19.1%; W Haggas, 9 from 47, 19.1%; N Callaghan, 8 from 42, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: P D'Arcy, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%; G Duffield, 17 from 119, 14.3%; M Tebbutt, 10 from 71, 14.1%; B Doyle, 4 from 35, 11.4%. Only qualifiers.

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER
2.15 Mabthul. 2.45 Yorkshireman. 3.15 Edirepus. 3.50 Wiltoski. 4.20 Fairways On Target. 4.55 Westray.

GOING: FIRM

2.15 ALCONBURY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,494: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

1 10-2 SHOW THE FLAG 18 (CD,F) R Juckes 5-11-10 ... N Juckes (3)
2 -123 ROWHEDGE 4 (C,D,BF,F,G) Miss J Doyle 7-11-8 ... S Curran
3 0/36 KELLY'S DARLING 16 K Bridgwater 7-11-4 ... T Jenks
4 41-3 MABTHUL 24 (CD,F) A Reid 5-11-1 ... M Hourigan
5 40-1 ITS ALL OVER NOW 5 (D,F) Mrs A King 9-11-1 (7ex) W Marston
6 00-3 BOXING MATCH 12 J Bradley 6-10-0 ... R Farrant
7 0P0- THE GANNOCHY 91 (B,CD,F) L Wordingham 7-10-0 ... R Davis

9-4 Its All Over Now, 7-2 Show The Flag, Mabthul, 4-1 Rowhedge, 8-1 Kelly's Darling, 14-1 Boxing Match, 25-1 The Gannochy.

2.45 HEMINGFORD HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,611: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 21-2 YORKSHIREMAN 12 (D,F,G,S) J Glover 8-11-10 ... M Ahern
2 3BP- AMONG FRIENDS 152 (G) G Balding 8-11-9 ... R Davis (5)
3 1-22 MR-PAW 16 (BF,F) F Murphy 10-10-13 ... B Murphy (7)
4 163- CURAHEEN BOY 91 D,(F,G) C Trietline 13-10-12 .. Miss J Bodier
5 P33- THE FRUIT 109 (D,F,G) R Ledger 14-10-5 ... Mrs N Ledger
6 4-43 BARTONDALE 10 (D,F) J Bradley 8-10-5 ... R Farrant (5)

6-4 Yorkshireman, 3-1 Mr-Paw, 4-1 Curaheen Boy, 11-2 Among Friends, 10-1 The Fruit, Bartondale.

3.15 DIDDINGTON NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,480: 2m 110yd) (14)

1 333- EDIREPUS 11F Mrs M Reveley 5-11-0 ... P Niven
2 /PF- HIGH STREET BLUES 276 A Coogan 6-11-0 ... A Coogan
3 JUVENARA 17F A Forbes 7-11-0 ... T Eley (5)
4 60/ NORTHERN TRIAL 24F K Burke 5-11-0 ... —
5 6-02 ZAMANAYN 2 J Upson 5-11-0 ... R Supple
6 8-12 BATTUTA 16 (F) G Oldroyd 4-10-12 ... P Midgley (5)
7 ALPHONSO 20F J Jenkins 4-10-11 ... S Smith Eccles
8 630- EID 165 M Meade 4-10-11 ... W Marston (3)
9 4 MAPLE BAY 18 K White 4-10-11 ... A O'Hagan
10 THAT'S SPECIAL W Musson 4-10-11 ... R Campbell
11 F4-4 TIBBS INN 12 C Smith 4-10-11 ... M Ranger
12 F05- SALLY SOHAM 182 F Murphy 5-10-9 ... P Murphy (7)
13 0/ SHAURNI GIRL 60F R Harris 5-10-9 ... S Keightley
14 RELATIVELY RISKY 385F K Clutterbuck 4-10-6 ... M Ahern

7-2 Juvenara, 4-1 Edirepus, 6-1 Northern Trial, 13-2 Zamanayn, Battuta, 8-1 Alphonso, 10-1 Maple Bay, That's Special, 12-1 Tibbs Inn, 14-1 others.

3.50 THREE HORSESHOES, GT STUKELEY NOVICES CHASE (£2,154: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 /UP- DANRIBO 306 (F,G) J Whyte 10-11-3 ... Mr M Gingell (7)
2 /US- MR GEE 293 (B) K Burke 8-11-3 ... P Niven
3 53-0 SECRET LIASON 23 (B) K Bridgwater 7-11-3 ... D Bridgwater
4 5-36 ULLSWATER 4 (F,S) A Reid 7-11-3 ... J Ryan
5 0-44 PAPPA DONT PREACH 24 J Upson 5-11-0 ... R Supple
6 3-4U WILTOSKI 21 (B,F,G) I Campbell 5-11-0 ... R Campbell

7-4 Wiltoski, 15-8 Pappa Dont Preach, 4-1 Ullswater, 6-1 Mr Gee, 7-1 Secret Liason, 33-1 Danribo.

4.20 HUNTINGDON ANTIQUES DRIVE-IN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,795.20: 2m 5f 110yd) (5)

1 /F5- FAIRWAYS ON TARGET 12F (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-12-0 ... P Niven
2 60-3 SEA BREAKER 16 (CD,F) D Cantillon 5-10-1 ... D Murphy
3 1418 NUNS JEWEL 9 (BF,F,G) J Bradley 7-10-0 ... R Farrant (5)
4 01-1 BAHRAIN QUEEN 16 (D,F,G) C Smith 5-10-0 ... M Ranger
5 6-50 SAILOR BOY 4 (V,G) A Reid 7-10-0 ... J Ryan

4-5 Fairways On Target, 7-2 Nuns Jewel, 11-2 Bahrain Queen, 13-2 Sea Breaker, 12-1 Sailor Boy

4.55 GODMANCHESTER JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 2m 110yd) (9)

1 BAYFAN 11F (V) J Moore 10-12 ... A Charlton
2 DOONE BRAES W Murphy 10-12 ... R Farrant (5)
3 MARAT 14F J Jenkins 10-12 ... S Smith Eccles
4 0 NO SHOW 23 R Juckes 10-12 ... W Humphreys
5 5 STAR MARKET 30 Mrs P Joynes 10-12 ... W Marston (3)
6 WESTRAY 23F J Scargill 10-12 ... A Carroll
7 3 ARE YOU HAPPY 10 J Upson 10-7 ... R Supple
8 5 SUMMER FLOWER 7 A Forbes 10-7 ... T Eley (5)
9 65 SUMMERS DREAM 7 B Richmond 10-7 ... D Byrne

6-4 Westray, 4-1 Doone Braes, Are You Happy, 6-1 Marat, 10-1 No Show, 20-1 others

Lupescu sixth for Dettori at Arlington

THE David Loder-trained Lupescu (Frankie Dettori) finished a creditable sixth in the Beverly D Stakes at Arlington, Chicago, on Saturday. The former Australian champion Let's Elope finished first past the post but was disqualified and placed third for bumping Via Borghese and the 2-1 on favourite, Flawlessly.

Let's Elope got up in the dying strides to beat Flawlessly by a nose with Via Borghese a further neck back in third. Flawlessly was awarded the race and Via Borghese promoted to second place.

Lupescu made a brief challenge soon after entering the straight but her challenge petered out. However, she was beaten only 3¾ lengths.

☐ *Darryll Holland* will appear before the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee this week after committing his second whip offence within 24 hours at Goodwood on Saturday. No date has yet been fixed for the hearing.

LEGAL NOTICES

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,
v.
REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 351 WEST END LANE, LONDON, ENGLAND and its buildings, easements, attachments, fixtures, appurtenances and improvements, Defendant.

Case No. C 93-1600-WHO

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FORFEITURE ACTION IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 27th day of May, 1993, the defendant real property was arrested on behalf of the United States Marshals Service for the Northern District of California, pursuant to a Warrant of Arrest of Property in Rem issued by the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, in the above entitled suit *for forfeiture, brought under* the provisions of 21 U.S.C. §881.

A Government forfeiture complaint has been filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The case number of the said action is C 93-1600-WHO.

All persons claiming any right, title, or interest in or to the real property are hereby notified to file a claim within ten (10) days of this notice and to file an answer to the complaint within twenty (20) days thereafter, with the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 16th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 and serve a copy of the claim and/or answer upon the United States Attorney's Office, Attention: Jonathan R. Howden, Assistant United States Attorney, 10th Floor, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102, in order to show cause, if any there be, why the defendant real property should not be decreed against and forfeited to the United States, and that all right, title and interest be vested in the United States of America.

Dated: June 3, 1993

JOHN A. MENDEZ
United States Attorney
JONATHAN R. HOWDEN
Assistant United States Attorney

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Swing Low, right, swoops past a line of challengers to capture the Tripleprint Celebration Mile at Goodwood on Saturday

Impressive Swing Low no longer poor relation

By Julian Muscat

SWING Low, a bargain buy at the sales because his relatives lacked speed, showed a powerful turn of foot to capture the main race at Goodwood on Saturday. Bursting through from last to first in the final furlong, the 10-1 chance captured the £50,000 group two Tripleprint Celebration Mile.

Ridden for the first time by John Reid, the Richard Hannon-trained colt won by half a length from the long-time leader, Mistle Cat, with Emperor Jones a short head away in third.

"That's not bad for a horse I originally bought for 2,500 guineas," the champion trainer said, adding: "He was cheap because his dam's six previous offspring failed to reach a place between them. But, believe me, he is smart and that turn of foot is something special."

With a group two event secured, Hannon now goes in search of a group one in France on Sunday week. The objective is the Emirates Prix du Moulin at Longchamp.

Reid commented: "I felt he had a lot more to give halfway up the straight, but then loads of horses give that impression and don't deliver. But Swing Low did, and how. With luck, I'll get the ride on him in France, the way they race over there should suit him."

Spanish amateur Luis Urbano maintained a noble family tradition when winning by five lengths on the Queen's Talent, backed from 8-1 to 6-1, in the Richmond-Brissac Trophy Handicap. Urbano, 20, would love to ride in the Grand National, but has a more immediate date at Epsom today when he partners Bo Knows Best in the amateur riders' Derby, the Moet and Chandon Silver Magnum.

His father, also called Luis, twice won the Epsom prize for the late Ryan Price, on Melody Rock and Quite Candid, and completed a circuit of the 1974 Grand National on Rose Silk. So far, his son has ridden 45 winners.

St Leger entry Azilian was labouring three furlongs out and it was sheer bravery that carried him to within three-quarters of a length of the winner, Shaiba, in the Sport on 5 March Stakes. On the face of it, the performance was disappointing from the 15-8 favourite, but it was found he had ripped off his near-fore shoe, taking a section of the hoof with it.

Margaret's Gift put herself in the Ayr Gold Cup picture after prevailing in a three-way photo for the Ladbroke Racing Sprint Handicap. Her trainer, Jack Berry, achieved a long-held ambition when winning the big Scottish sprint two years ago with So Careful and Margaret's Gift is one of his eight entries this time.

The neck success over Master Planner burdens her with a 7lb penalty at Ayr, taking her weight to 8st 10lb, but the extra weight will ensure she is high enough up the handicap to guarantee a run. She is 25-1 with the race sponsors, Ladbrokes.

Margaret's Gift was a 1991 Christmas present to the wives of Stoke-on-Trent-based friends, Terry Holdcroft and John Forsyth. Their wives are named Margaret.

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

1.50 Celia Brady. 2.20 Rousitto. 2.50 Crystal Magic. 3.20 Zuboon. 3.50 Bonny Bride. 4.25 Queen's View. 4.55 Christian Warrior.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.20 GENERAL CHASE.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.50 SEVERN BRIDGE HANDICAP
(£3,668: 1m 2f 36yd) (16 runners)

1 3342 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 25 (F) R Hannon 4-10-0 L Dettori 4
2 0606 MUTAMANNI 19 W Hern 3-9-6 W Carson 6
3 1120 SOOTY TERN 16 (D,F,G) J Bradley 6-9-5 Michael Bradley (7) 2
4 4315 RAPPORTEUR 9 (D,F,G) C C Elsey 7-9-4 A Munro 14
5 8152 MARCHMAN 26 (CD,F) J King 8-9-2 A Clark 3
6 6-00 WELSH HERITAGE 21 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-11 D Harrison (3) 11
7 4230 TELEPHUS 44 (D,F) B McMath 4-8-8 D Wright (5) 5
8 0034 SWIFT ROMANCE 16 (G) B McMahon 5-8-7 J Williams 12
9 3051 TIGER CLAW 7 (B,D,F,G) R Hodges 7-8-6 (5ex) R Price 9
10 0553 CELIA BRADY 16 (F) H Candy 5-8-4 C Rutter 1
11 3223 MAI PEN RAI 17 (BF,F,S) C Hill 5-8-1 N Adams 16
12 0-50 SENOR L'AMOUR 32 A Turnell 3-8-0 Mark Denaro (7) 8
13 0006 STRIKING IMAGE 12 (F) J Moore 4-7-12 S O'Gorman 15
14 3000 CRETOES DANCER 12 (G) W Muir 4-7-12 Kim McDonnell (7) 13
15 0060 HOMEMAKER 37 (F,S) P Murphy 3-7-11 T Wilson 7
16 -004 ERRAS MOOD 27 (F) B Palling 4-7-10 C Avery 10

11-2 Tiger Claw, 6-1 Courageous Knight, 7-1 Marchman, 9-1 Celia Brady, Welsh Heritage, 10-1 Mutamanni, Rapporteur, Mai Pen Rai, 12-1 others.

2.20 JOHN HYLTON WATTS MEMORIAL CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,770: 1m 4f 23yd) (11)

1 PALACE MAN P Murphy 5-9-10 J Williams 8
2 0304 PICKLES 26 (G) R Lee 5-9-10 A Munro 10
3 0362 TEMPLE KNIGHT 24 (D,G) C Cyzer 4-9-10 W Carson 2
4 3106 ROUSITTO 7 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 5-9-6 L Dettori 3
5 0054 CRACKLING 52 (BF,G) D Marks 4-9-5 D Harrison (3) 6
6 0050 IRISH GROOM 27 (B,G) J Short 6-9-2 A Clark 11
7 0222 PREMIER DANCE 23 (G) D Haydn Jones 6-9-2 D Wright (5) 1
8 2423 FLAMING MIRACLE 17 (B) P Cole 3-9-0 C Rutter 7
9 0030 GESNERA 7 K White 5-8-3 A Procter (5) 9
10 6530 ELIZA WOODING 60 (V,F) C Hill 5-8-5 N Adams 5
11 1163 GENERAL CHASE 37 (F,G) D Burchell 3-5-5 R Price 4

6-4 General Chase, 4-1 Temple Knight, 5-1 Premier Dance, 6-1 Flaming Miracle, 8-1 Rousitto, 14-1 Eliza Wooding, 25-1 others.

2.50 TATTERSALLS AUCTION SERIES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,231: 5f 16yd) (8)

1 3105 CYARNA QUINN 11 (D,S) M Channon 9-7 W Carson 1
2 631 CRYSTAL MAGIC 14 (D,G) R Hannon 9-2 L Dettori 4
3 4543 BOLD ARISTOCRAT 16 (D,G) R Hollinshead 9-1 S Perks 2
4 0100 MIRIAM 30 (D,F) M Fetherston-Godley 9-0 A Munro 6
5 6045 ELEVATOR SHAFT 12 D Arbuthnot 8-12 R Price 3
6 0104 DANCES WITH RISK 25 (D,BF,S) G Lewis 8-7 D Harrison (3) 5
7 4500 STARISK 14 C Horgan 7-13 D Wright (5) 8
8 3505 BURMA STAR 6 M Blanshard 7-7 N Adams 7

5-2 Crystal Magic, 4-1 Dances With Risk, 5-1 Cyarna Quinn, 6-1 Bold Aristocrat, 6-1 Elevator Shaft, 8-1 Burma Star, 10-1 Miriam, 12-1 Starisk.

3.20 EBF ROMEO MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,435: 1m 14yd) (14)

1 ALASKAN HEIR D Murray Smith 9-0 A Procter (5) 10
2 3026 ARABOYBILL 25 B Palling 9-0 A Clark 4
3 0 EXPLORE MONDIAL 26 J Eustace 9-0 D Harrison (3) 11
4 0 FOOT TAPPER 18 D Arbuthnot 9-0 R Price 9
5 0352 PACIOLI 26 (BF) M Williams 9-0 D Wright (5) 14
6 0 SEA SPOUSE 48 M Blanchard 9-0 N Adams 6
7 SHREWD ALIBI I Balding 9-0 S O'Gorman 3
8 000 SPEEDY SNAPS IMAGE 30 M Muggeridge 9-0 Mark Denaro (7) 7
9 STAR MASTER P Cole 9-0 A Munro 12
10 TOTAL JOY P Cole 9-0 C Rutter 13
11 00 TOWER GREEN 19 Lady Herries 9-0 J Williams 5
12 0 UNCLE OSWALD 16 R Hannon 9-0 L Dettori 2
13 0 WATER BARON 26 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 Ruth Coulter (7) 1
14 24 ZUBOON 19 (BF) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 8

2-1 Zuboon, 9-2 Uncle Oswald, 6-1 Tower Green, Star Master, 8-1 Total Joy, 6-1 Shrewd Alibi, 20-1 Pacioli, 33-1 others.

3.50 EBF JULIET MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,435: 1m 14yd) (16)

1 0 AZHAAR 34 J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson 5
2 2 BONNY BRIDE 28 D Loder 8-11 L Dettori 13
3 CRAZY FOR YOU M Channon 8-11 C Rutter 14
4 0 GHALIA 13 M Channon 8-11 A Culhane 1
5 0 GOLDEN FERN 13 P Walwyn 8-11 D Wright (5) 8
6 0 JADY'S DREAM 12 B Palling 8-11 A Clark 15
7 5 LA RIVERAINE 16 J Hills 8-11 D Harrison (3) 2
8 5 LYPHARD STREET 17 P Cole 8-11 A Munro 9
9 00 MISS TEMERITY 40 M Blanshard 8-11 N Adams 12
10 MISTY WISE M Bell 8-11 S O'Gorman 11
11 00 POETIC FANCY 19 N Twiston-Davies 8-11 D O'Neill (7) 6
12 6 RARE BIRD 45 H Cecil 8-11 S Perks 7
13 6033 ROSE CIEL 16 R Hannon 8-11 Mark Denaro (7) 10
14 42 RUBY ESTATE 24 J Wharton 8-11 J Williams 4
15 5 TANDIA 19 M Pipe 8-11 L Carter (7) 16
16 0 TUDOR FLIGHT 12 Lady Herries 8-11 R Price 3

3-1 Bonny Bride, 7-2 La Riveraine, 5-1 Lyphard Street, Rosa Ciel, 8-1 others.

4.25 FRANKIE DETTORI TON-UP FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (£3,231: 7f 16yd) (5)

1 1100 CARRANITA 31 (G) B Palling 3-9-3 R Price 5
2 2-43 QUEEN'S VIEW 10 (BF,S) L Cumani 3-9-3 A Munro 2
3 4144 WINGED VICTORY 10 (D,F,G) I Balding 3-9-3 L Dettori 1
4 5351 KATIBA 17 (D,F,S) J Dunlop 3-9-1 W Carson 4
5 LADY MAVIS A Forte 3-8-9 J Williams 3

6-4 Queen's View, 2-1 Winged Victory, 5-1 Katiba, Carranita, 66-1 Lady Mavis.

4.55 CAERWENT APPRENTICE MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,812: 6f 16yd) (15)

1 0306 VISIMOTION 10 M Heaton-Ellis 3-9-10 Ruth Coulter (5) 2
2 4223 POYLE AMBER 17 M Blanshard 4-9-9 S McCarthy (5) 3
3 4332 SOPHISTICATED AIR 14 (B,BF) I Balding 3-9-8 D Griffiths (8) 6
4 506- M A EL-SAHN 270 R Hannon 3-9-8 E Greehy (10) 11
5 04-0 BEVELED EDGE 20 B Palling 4-9-5 Wendy Jones (5) 1
6 5003 NO GAIN 25 B Smart 3-9-4 W Hawksley (7) 7
7 4225 AVRIL ETOILE 14 L Holt 3-9-3 Iona Wands (10) 10
8 -000 TAKE IT IN CASH 132 R Dickin 4-9-0 Michelle Thomas (10) 4
9 000- LAWNSWOOD PRINCE 319J J Spearing 4-8-6 L Suthern (7) 15
10 0-00 ALL THE GIRLS 6 R Dickin 4-8-5 F Savage (7) 8
11 0460 CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 17 (V) R Peacock 4-8-3 A Whelan (5) 13
12 00-0 MY BOY BUSTER 30 C Hill 4-8-2 M Baird (5) 14
13 0600 SUI GENERIS 25 Mrs S Williams 3-8-1 J Dennis (5) 12
14 0000 NANQUIDNO 17 J Bennett 3-7-13 Sharon Millard (5) 9
15 0-00 HULLO MARY DOLL 53 S Mellor 4-7-11 A Daly (7) 5

5-1 Sophisticated Air, 6-1 Poyle Amber, 8-1 M A El-Sahn, 10-1 No Gain, Avril Etoile, Visimotion, Take It In Cash, Lawnswood Prince, 12-1 others.

WARWICK

THUNDERER

2.00 Queens Stroller. 2.30 Sir Tasker. 3.00 Kennet Boy. 3.30 Kiawah. 4.00 Legion Of Honour. 4.30 Escarpment. 5.00 Eager Deva. 5.30 Wannabe.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 RUGBY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,070: 7f) (12 runners)

1 0 CHOPENDOZ 12 W Jarvis 9-0 F Norton 6
2 02 COMEONUP 13 R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 10
3 05 MILAROUS 21 J Fanshawe 9-0 A Mackay 12
4 0 POLAR CAP 56 J Eustace 9-0 N Kennedy (3) 1
5 0 POLAR QUEST 18 M McCormack 9-0 S Raymont 3
6 SAN DIEGO CHARGER M Fetherston-Godley 9-0 O Pears (3) 5
7 6 SECRATORIUS 6 B Smart 9-0 Stephen Davies (3) 2
8 0 ARIAN SPIRIT 24 W Musson 8-9 D McCabe (5) 9
9 000 DUCHESS DAISY 40 (B) N Tinkler 8-9 Kim Tinkler 7
10 04 HARLEQUIN WALK 41 G Eden 8-9 N Varley (7) 11
11 005 QUEENS STROLLER 83 B Hills 8-9 D Holland 8
12 0330 TIMES ZANDO 9 J Wilson 8-9 J Fortune 4

3-1 Comeonup, 4-1 Times Zando, 5-1 Queens Stroller, Milarous, 6-1 others.

2.30 NORTH WARWICKSHIRE PONY CLUB CLAIMING STAKES (£2,954: 5f) (11)

1 4460 FIRST GOLD 12 (F,S) J Wharton 4-9-4 J Reid 11
2 6313 FIRST OPTION 16 (D,BF,F,G,S) M H Easterby 5-9-3 D Holland 10
3 1501 SAMSON-AGONISTES 25 (CD,F,G,S) B McMahon 7-9-2 S Sanders (7) 9
4 36-0 WADERS DREAM 24 (F) J Banks 4-9-2 L Newton (5) 7
5 -505 HICKORY BLUE 21 S Norton 3-9-0 O Pears (3) 3
6 5506 SIR TASKER 9 (D,F,G) J Harris 5-9-0 A Mackay 6
7 0542 VERY DICEY 19 (D,F,G) J Berry 5-9-0 J Fortune 5
8 PINEAPPLE PRINCE R Hodges 3-8-10 S Drowne (7) 8
9 0000 SEAMERE 20 (B,D,F,G) B Cambidge 10-8-10 C Hawksley (7) 2
10 0400 IRON KING 53 (CD,F,G) J Spearing 7-8-4 A Garth (5) 4
11 CEE DEE K Wingrove 4-8-3 K Williamson 1

2-1 Samson-Agonistes, 3-1 First Option, 4-1 Very Dicey, 6-1 Iron King, 8-1 others.

3.00 AVONVALE VOLVO NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,027: 6f) (6)

1 0231 BRAVE EDGE 10 (F) R Hannon 9-7 J Reid 1
2 0153 PRIMA SILK 12 (D,F) M Ryan 9-0 P McCabe (7) 4
3 0322 QUEEN'S TRUST 24 (BF) J Dunlop 8-7 D Holland 3
4 6224 WINDOW DISPLAY 10 (S) Mrs N Macauley 8-3 A Mackay 5
5 350 KENNET BOY 11G P Cole 7-13 F Norton 2
6 0055 STRAPPED 2 M Channon 7-7 N Varley (7) 6

3-1 Prima Silk, 7-2 Brave Edge, Queen's Trust, Kennet Boy, 9-2 others.

3.30 ST NICHOLAS SELLING STAKES
(£2,070: 1m 2f 169yd) (16)

1 0050 CLEAR LIGHT 60 (C,G) C Smith 6-9-10 Dale Gibson 13
2 0040 FORTUNE STAR 9 (S) J Bridger 4-9-10 Rachel Bridger (7) 2
3 6003 GOTT'S DESIRE 7 (B,F) C Broad 7-9-10 V Slattery (5) 16
4 6212 LE TEMERAIRE 12 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 7-9-10 Kim Tinkler 15
5 6000 RAPINSKI 12 K Wingrove 4-9-7 K Williamson 9
6 0 ROMANTIC MOOD 6 J Wharton 4-9-7 N Kennedy (3) 5
7 030- MONTAGNE 31J M Eckley 4-9-2 S Drowne (7) 12
8 5/0/ WE'RE IN THE MONEY 863J J Wharton 9-9-2 F Norton 14
9 6 FREDDY SYLVESTER 14 P Makin 3-8-12 D Holland 3
10 040 JASPER ONE 9 R Woodhouse 3-8-12 O Pears (3) 6
11 0240 NIGELS PROSPECT 37 D Haydn Jones 3-8-12 A Mackay 1
12 4025 TEJANO GOLD 53 P Cole 3-8-12 J Reid 11
13 2623 ANN HILL 6 (F,G) R Hollinshead 3-8-10 A Garth (5) 8
14 1021 KIAWAH 21 (D,F) J Fanshawe 3-8-10 N Varley (7) 7
15 50 CASTLE-VIEW 42 K Burke 3-8-7 D McCabe (5) 4
16 00 TOUCHEE BOUCHEE 9 M Channon 3-8-7 A Tucker 10

11-4 Kiawah, 7-2 Tejano Gold, 4-1 Le Temeraire, 5-1 Ann Hill, 10-1 others.

4.00 LISTERS AUDI VOLKSWAGEN WARWICK CESAREWITCH HANDICAP (£3,582: 2m 20yd) (11)

1 3641 SPECTACULAR DAWN 20 (F,S) J Dunlop 4-9-13 J Reid 8
2 0630 WESTERN DYNASTY 17 (F,G,S) M Ryan 7-9-7 P McCabe (7) 6
3 -206- SUEZ CANAL 138J (F) F Jordan 4-9-6 Stephen Davies (3) 9
4 1003 DIME BAG 59 (D,G) B Hills 4-9-6 D Holland 11
5 1133 MONARDA 20 (C,D,F,G,S) P Cole 6-9-4 D Goggin (7) 10
6 0560 FRENCH IVY 10 (D,F,G) Mrs A King 6-9-2 A Garth (5) 5
7 6022 AUDE LA BELLE 10 (D,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 6-9-1 A Mackay 7
8 1530 MY ROSSINI 23 (F) P Bevan 4-9-1 C Hawksley (7) 2
9 2654 LEGION OF HONOUR 24 (F,G) M Naughton 5-8-12 V Halliday (7) 1
10 2-00 SPORTS VIEW 17 R Hodges 4-7-7 A Tucker 3
11 0000 PATROCLUS 33 (F,G,S) R Voorspuy 8-7-7 S Dawson 4

4-1 Western Dynasty, 5-1 Spectacular Dawn, Dime Bag, 6-1 others.

4.30 LISTERS VAUXHALL CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,915: 7f) (2)

1 1 ESCARPMENT 31 (D,S) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12 J Reid 1
2 BRENSHAM FOLLY R Brotherton 8-8 A Mackay 2

1-20 Escarpment, 14-1 Brensham Folly.

5.00 NORTH WARWICKSHIRE PONY CLUB CLAIMING STAKES (£2,929: 5f) (10)

1 1006 EAGER DEVA 2 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 6-9-6 S Wynne (5) 10
2 0534 LUCEDEO 53 (D,F,G) J Spearing 9-9-6 A Mackay 1
3 6150 ANOTHER LANE 13 (D,F) J Wharton 6-8-11 D Holland 2
4 2650 BEST EFFORT 14 (D,F,S) M Naughton 7-8-10 V Halliday (7) 7
5 6551 THE NOBLE OAK 30 (B,D,F,G) M McCormack 5-8-10 J Reid 3
6 1060 THE FED 21 (D,F) R Whitaker 3-8-9 Dale Gibson 8
7 0004 JEWEL THIEF 25 (V) G Balding 3-8-6 N Varley (7) 6
8 5056 MOVING IMAGE 11 (D,BF,G,S) H Collingridge 3-8-6 C Dwyer 5
9 5500 MARSH WARBLER 58 (B) R Frost 5-8-5 P McCabe (7) 4
10 3400 CONVENIENT MOMENT 15 (CD,G,S) J Berry 3-8-0 P Fessey (7) 9

5-2 The Noble Oak, 5-1 Eager Deva, Lucedeo, 7-1 Another Lane, 8-1 others.

5.30 BARFORD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(£3,845: 1m) (17)

1 320- LADY BUCHAN 171J N Tinkler 4-9-3 Kim Tinkler 16
2 RHAZYA J Bridger 5-9-3 N Kennedy (3) 13
3 /0-0 THRILL 7 K Wingrove 5-9-3 K Williamson 11
4 424 COMMON LAW 18 R Charlton 3-8-11 S Raymont 5
5 0000 EASY TOUCH 20 D Haydn Jones 3-8-11 A Mackay 10
6 3 LADY SABINA 65 D O'Neill 3-8-11 V Slattery (5) 17
7 LA VILLA ROSE J Payne 3-8-11 T Rogers 3
8 MAID OF CADIZ H Candy 3-8-11 S Dawson 14
9 MAJHOLA Lord Huntingdon 3-8-11 D Holland 6
10 3000 MISS KINABALU 12 G Wragg 3-8-11 F Norton 1
11 00- POLLY LEACH 423 G Ham 3-8-11 S Drowne (7) 12
12 00 PREMBATA 12 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-11 Stephen Davies (3) 7
13 4 PROMITTO 30 B McMahon 3-8-11 J Fortune 2
14 SHARP GEM B Smart 3-8-11 N Varley (7) 4
15 0200 SING A RAINBOW 9 M Channon 3-8-11 A Tucker 9
16 005- WANNABE 30 L Cumani 3-8-11 J Reid 15
17 066- WESSHAUN 275 W G M Turner 3-8-11 P McCabe (7) 8

6-4 Common Law, 5-1 Wannabe, 6-1 Majhola, 8-1 Maid Of Cadiz, 10-1 others.

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THUNDERER

2.05 Asking For Aces	3.40 Hello Ireland
2.35 Canaska Star	4.10 Ashtina
	4.40 Bag Of Tricks
3.10 CASTORET (nap)	5.10 Adamparis

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10: Farmer's Pet.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 7F-1M 114YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.05 LADAS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,820: 6f) (8 runners)

101 (5) 035350 ERRIS BOY 9 (B) (J Ruddy) R Williams 9-0 G Bardwell 87
102 (7) 040 LORD SKY 122 (S Crown) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 93
103 (1) 5300 MONKEY MAGIC 9 (The Monkey Racing Club Limited) J Berry 9-0 P Roberts (7) 89
104 (6) 502064 NORTHERN STORM 21 (The Storm Syndicate) S Woods 9-0 W Woods 83
105 (4) 06324 ASKING FOR ACES 51 (Mrs G Smith) N Callaghan 8-9 Pat Eddery 96
106 (3) 03023 BIRD OF TIME 14 (N Clark) J Dunlop 8-9 Paul Eddery 99
107 (8) 043503 GIGUE 16 (Mrs P Lewis) M Channon 8-9 M Fenton (3) 83
108 (2) 536543 KERRIE-JO 23 (Mrs M Day) M Haynes 8-9 B Raymond 94

BETTING: 7-4 Asking For Aces, 3-1 Bird Of Time, 5-1 Kerrie-Jo, 6-1 Gigue, 10-1 Lord Sky, 12-1 Monkey Magic, 14-1 others.

1992: IRON MERCHANT 9-0 M Roberts (5-2) R Akehurst 13 ran

2.35 SHERWOOD MAIDEN STAKES C4
(£3,590: 7f) (6 runners)

201 (2) 0-06503 CANASKA STAR 72 (Mrs J Sifton) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-0 T Quinn 99
202 (3) 430036 FRIENDLY BRAVE 11 (T Mills) T Mills 3-9-0 Paul Eddery 90
203 (4) 02-400 RESIST THE FORCE 9 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-9-0 Pat Eddery 83
204 (6) THUNDER STRIKE (Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 3-9-0 B Hind –
205 (5) 3-02243 DESERT VENUS 18 (A Ali) B Hanbury 3-8-9 B Raymond 93
206 (1) 00 MYJINKA 9 (B) (Miss P Westbrook) J O'Donoghue 3-8-9 M Fenton (3) –

BETTING: 4-5 Canaska Star, 4-1 Desert Venus, 9-2 Resist The Force, 5-1 Thunder Strike, 10-1 Friendly Brave, 33-1 Myjinka.

1992: JOAAYEL 3-8-11 M Roberts (4-5 fav) A Stewart 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

CANASKA STAR 4l 3rd of 5 to Western Cape in a maiden at Ascot (1m, good to soft). FRIENDLY BRAVE 3¾l 6th of 17 to Lord Alfie in a handicap at Salisbury (7f, good). RESIST THE FORCE 6l 11th of 13 to Gorinsky in a handicap at Sandown (5f, good to firm). DESERT VENUS 5¾l 3rd of 11 to Ghost Tree in a maiden at Salisbury (7f, good). THUNDER STRIKE is by Danzig out of English and Irish Oaks winner Diminuendo.
Selection: CANASKA STAR

3.10 MOET & CHANDON SILVER MAGNUM LIMITED HANDICAP (Amateurs: £8,237: 1m 4f 10yd) (10 runners) C4

301 (2) 601411 FARMER'S PET 20 (F,G,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-11-10 P Pritchard-Gordon 93
302 (9) 230-064 MILZIG 9 (G) (Mrs J Gleeson) D Elsworth 4-11-10 S Swiers 92
303 (6) 023-005 CASTORET 12 (CD,F,G,S) (Lady D'Angdor-Goldsmid) J Hills 7-11-9 C Vigors 94
304 (1) 6-15650 REDSTELLA 11 (V,S) (E Thomas) R Whitaker 4-11-6 S Whitaker 92
305 (5) 241116 SHUJAN 23 (D,G,S) (M Polglase) R Armstrong 4-11-3 M Armytage 90
306 (3) 250236 SHADOWS OF SILVER 16 (D,F) (Mrs R Mayall) B McMahon 5-10-11 E McMahon 99
307 (8) 362400 SATIN DANCER 16 (G) (F Sawill) G Harwood 3-10-6 J Durkan 98
308 (7) 2110-66 BO KNOWS BEST 14 (D,G,S) (N Goldman) J Sutcliffe 4-10-0 L A Urbano 91
309 (4) 512101 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 4 (D,G) (Mrs H Chalkin) S Dow 3-10-0 (2ex) T Cuff 82
310 (10) 006160 BLAZON OF TROY 19 (D,F) (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 F Grasso Caprioli 89

Long handicap: Bo Knows Best 9-12, Sir Thomas Beecham 9-5, Blazon Of Troy 9-6.

BETTING: 5-2 Milzig, 7-2 Shujan, 4-1 Farmer's Pet, 8-1 Castoret, 10-1 Satin Dancer, Shadows Of Silver, 12-1 Sir Thomas Beecham, 14-1 Blazon Of Troy, 16-1 others.

1992: STATAJACK 4-10-9 S Swiers (5-1) D Elsworth 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

FARMER'S PET beat Hoosie 4l in a 7-runner handicap at Yarmouth last time out (1m 6f, good to firm).
MILZIG 8l 4th of 17 to River Boyne in an amateurs' race at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). CASTORET 10¾l 5th of 21 to Saravati in a handicap at York (1m 6f, good).
REDSTELLA 13¾l 8th of 22 to Yildiz in a handicap at York (1m 3f 195yd, good).
SHUJAN dead-heated for first place with Haddaaj in a 6-runner handicap at Sandown on penultimate start (1m 6f, good). SIR THOMAS BEECHAM beat Usk The Way 4l in a 7-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 2m, standard).
BLAZON OF TROY'S best recent effort came when beating Amazon Express 3½l in an 8-runner handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: SIR THOMAS BEECHAM

3.40 TADWORTH NURSERY HANDICAP C4
(2-Y-O: £4,542: 7f) (9 runners)

401 (4) 410 MR DEVIOUS 35 (G) (Theobalds Stud) R Hannon 9-7 B Raymond 90
402 (2) 321251 NONIOS 6 (D,F) (J Fleming) B Meehan 9-6 (5ex) W Woods 97
403 (8) 6313 BALLAH SHACK 9 (D,F) (A Al Khalifa) G Lewis 9-5 Paul Eddery 94
404 (6) 601 PERSIAN AFFAIR 35 (D,F) (R Kelly) M Bell 8-13 M Fenton (3) 89
405 (9) 534 HELLO IRELAND 21 (Cliveden Stud) R Charlton 8-8 Pat Eddery 97
406 (1) 2105 GOLDEN GRAND 12 (G) (D Johnson) R Williams 8-4 G Bardwell 91
407 (5) 36012 GREENSON 9 (BF,F) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 8-2 T Quinn 95
408 (3) 064120 LITTLE HOOLIGAN 14 (G) (A Kinghorn) M Channon 7-10 N Carlisle 99
409 (7) 542144 NORTHERN BAILIWICK 9 (B,D,G) (Dr I Shenkin) M Usher 7-7 Antoinette Armes (7) 98

Long handicap: Northern Bailiwick 7-6.

BETTING: 3-1 Greenson, 4-1 Ballah Shack, 5-1 Little Hooligan, 11-2 Hello Ireland, 6-1 Nonios, 8-1 Persian Affair, 10-1 Northern Bailiwick, 12-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

NONIOS beat Prince Danzig 2l in a 9-runner handicap at Brighton (7f, good to firm). BALLAH SHACK 1¾l 3rd of 5 to Balanda Bay in a conditions race at Chester (6f, soft).
PERSIAN AFFAIR beat Araboybill ¾l in a 15-runner maiden at Southwell (7f, good to firm).
HELLO IRELAND 5l 4th of 14 to Ballerina in a maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm). GREENSON neck 2nd of 16 to Sheriff in a handicap at Sandown (7f, good to firm), with NORTHERN BAILIWICK (5lb better off) 4l 4th.
Selection: HELLO IRELAND

4.10 TOTE BOOKMAKERS SPRINT HANDICAP C4
(£9,420: 5f) (8 runners)

501 (2) 162050 SABRE RATTLER 12 (D,F,G,S) (H Hughes) J Berry 3-9-7 B Hind 95
502 (1) 1582-01 IN CASE 12 (D,F,G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 3-9-4 Pat Eddery 87
503 (7) 151106 MISS VAXETTE 18 (D,F,S) (Vax Appliances Ltd) J Spearing 4-8-4 M Humphries (7) 95
504 (6) 002200 ASHTINA 16 (CD,F,G,S) (Ms S Joyner) R Hodges 8-9-0 Paul Eddery 99
505 (3) 001100 LOVE RETURNED 4 (D,F,G,S) (J Ratcliffe) W Jarvis 8-8-12 W Woods 92
506 (4) 000640 TERRHARS 9 (D,F,G) (H Bardwell) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-9 B Raymond 97
507 (8) 000616 ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 19 (CD,G) (G Steinberg) L Holt 4-8-7 T Quinn 95
508 (5) 031641 PRESS THE BELL 19 (D,F,G) (S Mason) J Berry 3-8-6 P Roberts (7) 98

Long handicap: Allthruthenight 8-5 (Minimum weight: 4-Y-O+ 8-7, 3-Y-O 8-4).

BETTING: 2-1 In Case, 5-1 Ashtina, 6-1 Press The Bell, 7-1 Miss Vaxette, 9-1 Sabre Rattler, Terrhars, 10-1 others.

1992: ASHTINA 7-7-5 N Kennedy (5-1) R Hodges 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

IN CASE beat Call Me I'm Blue a neck in a 15-runner handicap at York (5f, good), with SABRE RATTLER 18l last of 15.
ASHTINA 2¾l 7th of 14 to Heaven-Liegh-Grey in a handicap at Newbury (5f, good to firm), with LOVE RETURNED 3¾l 12th. Previously, ¾l 2nd of 11 to Regal Chimes at Ascot (5f, good), with SABRE RATTLER (2lb better off) 2¾l 3rd and MISS VAXETTE 9l 10th. ALLTHRUTHENIGHT beat Little Saboteur 1l in an 8-runner handicap over course and distance on penultimate start (good).
PRESS THE BELL beat No Extras a short head in a 7-runner handicap at Salisbury last time out (5f, good to firm), with ALLTHRUTHENIGHT (4lb better off) 7¾l 6th.
Selection: ASHTINA

4.40 CICERO CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,054: 1m 2f 18yd) (10 runners)

601 (1) 20 BAG OF TRICKS 23 (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-7 Pat Eddery 89
602 (8) 21-4113 SEAMA 12 (D,G) (F Salman) M Prescott 9-0 C Nutter 90
603 (6) 062150 DARING PAST 9 (B,D,G) (K Sturgis) R Boss 8-13 B Raymond 84
604 (3) 530113 FORMAL AFFAIR 11 (C,D,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-8 J D Smith (7) 93
605 (4) 201625 SPARKY'S SONG 20 (D,BF,F) (Mrs A Barwick) J Hills 8-8 T Quinn 88
606 (7) 6 BAYYINAT 74 (Mrs R Tang) C Weedon 8-7 M Fenton (3) –
607 (5) 00-0434 PLATINUM VENTURE 11 (Dr F Chao) S Woods 8-7 W Woods 89
608 (2) 46-0563 GYPSY CRYSTAL 23 (E Thomas) R Whitaker 8-0 N Carlisle 76
609 (9) 603-003 MIND THE ROOF 63 (Seymour Bloodstock (UK) Ltd) D Elsworth 8-0 G Bardwell 99
610 (10) 0660 MISS COPYFORCE 16 (Copyforce Ltd) Miss B Sanders 8-0 B Russell (5) 84

BETTING: 3-1 Bag Of Tricks, 7-2 Mind The Roof, 5-1 Formal Affair, Platinum Venture, 6-1 Seama, 10-1 others.

1992: LOKI 4-8-10 J Reid (5-6 fav) G Lewis 9 ran

5.10 RANMORE HANDICAP
(Fillies & mares: £4,737: 1m 114yd) (12 runners)

1 (12) 005006 DOUBLE FLUTTER 22 (F) (M Channon) M Channon 4-10-0 M Fenton (3) 93
2 (11) 310-601 SAAFEND 19 (D,F) (J R Leisure Ltd) J Sutcliffe 5-9-11 B Raymond 96
3 (8) 0-01110 QUEEN WARRIOR 32 (D,F,G,S) (C Spence) P Walwyn 4-9-7 Pat Eddery 94
4 (7) 0-50 KENESHA 110 (R Hawthorn) S Dow 3-9-5 A Martinez (7) 80
5 (10) 510228 PLAY WITH ME 24 (BF,S) (Miss K Gearon) J Dunlop 3-9-2 Paul Eddery 94
6 (6) 0-51440 EXHIBIT AIR 18 (F) (A Horsall) R Hannon 3-9-1 D Gibbs (7) 98
7 (9) 082115 MAY HILLS LEGACY 9 (BF,G,S) D Arbuthnot 4-8-8 T Quinn 96
8 (1) 152622 MISS FASCINATION 26 (BF,F) (N Yong) M Jarvis 3-8-6 W Woods 95
9 (3) 000103 FRANCIA 26 (G) (A Atkins) A Hide 3-8-2 Antoinette Armes (7) 94
10 (5) 116663 DESERT NOMAD 5 (F) (Eurostah Ltd) S Dow 3-8-1 G Hind 95
11 (4) 400121 ADAMPARIS 12 (B,G) (Iwaoshire Ltd) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-7-12 N Carlisle 95
12 (2) 250/600 CHICARD 11 (Mrs P Payne) T Naughton 4-7-8 G Bardwell 99

BETTING: 5-1 Miss Fascination, 11-2 May Hills Legacy, 6-1 Adamparis, Saafend, 7-1 Queen Warrior, 10-1 others.

1992: GRAND MASTER 3-10-0 A Munro (3-1 fav) P Cole 9 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Berry	9	39	23.1	Pat Eddery	30	125	16.0
J Dunlop	5	23	21.7	N Carlisle	3	24	12.5
D Elsworth	9	48	18.8				
J Hills	3	17	17.6				
P Cole	7	49	14.3				
B Hanbury	3	21	14.3	(Only qualifiers)			

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

EPSOM
C4

2.35: Canaska Star has been found an easy opportunity to get off the mark. The colt has changed stables since his third at Ascot and he should be suited to this fast circuit. Friendly Brave has performed with credit in handicaps, but Resist The Force is preferred for the forecast after loosening up over an inadequate five furlongs recently. Thunder Strike would not have to be anything special to figure prominently.

3.10: This should be run at a cracking pace with Shujan, Shadows Of Silver and Farmer's Pet all keen to dominate. The latter comes here in great heart but has been winning over longer trips, so **Milzig** looks the answer. He had Sir Thomas Beecham well behind him when fourth in a similar race at Sandown. Castoret has possibilities but Satin Dancer is the likely danger.

3.40: Greenson, just touched off over the trip at Sandown, would appreciate this easier track. He has been raised 5lb for that, however, and **Hello Ireland** looks more favourably weighted for her nursery debut. She had the pace to lead three out at Leicester last time and Pat Eddery's booking looks significant. Ballah Shack found Chester's six furlongs too short last time but seems exposed.

4.10: Allthruthenight has won over course and distance, but is held by Press The Bell on recent Salisbury running. Ashtina retains plenty of zest and likes this track, but **In Case** is preferred. Having pulled hard, Roger Charlton's colt did well to win at York and can go in again.

Julian Muscat

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

2.15 Cut The Red Tape. 2.50 Allez Cyrano. 3.20 King Rat. 3.55 Andromaque. 4.30 Highflying. 5.05 Tamside Rosal.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 ALLEZ CYRANO (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 RAFA WINGS APPEAL NURSERY
(2-Y-O: £3,200: 7f) (7 runners)

1 5210 CUT THE RED TAPE 23 (D,G) M Johnston 9-7 T Williams 3
2 3212 INDEFENCE 9 (D,BF,G) M Channon 9-1 L Piggott 1
3 3600 KARSEAM 4 J Wainwright 8-0 N Connorton 6
4 5223 LUCKY MESSAGE 25 J Etherington 8-10 W Newnes 4
5 0023 HARPO'S SPECIAL 10 (BF,F) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6 K Fallon 5
6 044 SECONDS AWAY 12 A Harrison 8-5 A McGlone 7
7 6330 WINGS AHEAD 3 T Fairhurst 8-1 Darren Moffatt (5) 2

11-4 Indefence, 7-2 Harpo's Special, 4-1 Cut The Red Tape, 6-1 Lucky Message, 8-1 Seconds Away, Wings Ahead, 12-1 Karseam.

2.50 EBF HEDGEHOPE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,235: 7f) (7)

1 2 ALLEZ CYRANO 53 M Bell 9-0 M Hills 3
2 00 ERHAAB 16 J Dunlop 9-0 W Newnes 5
3 ESPLEY NIPPER J Berry 9-0 S D Williams (3) 6
4 6 MANOLETE 21 W Elsey 9-0 K Fallon 7
5 32 MILL FORCE 48 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 9-0 J Fanning 2
6 003 PICCOLO 16 M Channon 9-0 L Piggott 1
7 05 SINBAD 23 J Watts 9-0 N Connorton 4

10-11 Allez Cyrano, 3-1 Piccolo, 6-1 Mill Force, 8-1 Erhaab, 14-1 others.

3.20 LEAF CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,490: 5f) (10)

1 2010 KING RAT 51 (D,F) M Johnston 8-9 T Williams 8
2 CHADWELL HALL C Tinkler 8-7 K Fallon 9
3 0513 DANGEROUS SHADOW 18 (CD,BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 8-7 Darren Moffatt (5) 2
4 44 PELAMIS 17 J Glover 8-6 S D Williams (3) 4
5 600 FEATHERSTONE LANE 12 Miss L Siddall 8-5 W Newnes 3
6 0344 NOSMO KING 12 (B) J Berry 8-5 L Piggott 10
7 5025 LUCIUS LOCKET 11 (BF) J Berry 8-4 J Fanning 1
8 4633 DOCKYARD DORA 37 M Britain 8-2 M Hills 6
9 06 PAGODA 18 W Jarvis 8-1 S Maloney (3) 7
10 3360 KAYDARAJ 4 (V) R Fahey 8-0 A McGlone 5

3-1 Dangerous Shadow, 4-1 Lucius Locket, 5-1 King Rat, 6-1 Nosmo King, 8-1 Dockyard Dora, 10-1 Kaydaraj, 12-1 Pelamis, 14-1 others.

3.55 VIRGINIA HANDICAP
(Fillies & mares: £9,437: 1m 2f 32yd) (7)

1 1004 GISARNE 19 (D,F,G) J Dunlop 3-9-7 L Piggott 6
2 1201 ROSE ALTO 34 (D,F,S) J Fanshawe 5-9-6 K Fallon 2
3 1112 ANDROMAQUE 19 (G,S) R Charlton 3-9-3 T Sprake 1
4 1-50 SUMOTO 54 (G) G Wragg 3-8-12 W Newnes 3
5 2201 FORTHWITH 30 (D,G,S) J Hills 3-8-7 M Hills 7
6 1151 SILVERLOCKS 28 (F,G,S) Miss S Hall 3-8-3 N Connorton 4
7 3131 LICORNE 59 (D,G,S) H Cecil 3-7-13 A McGlone 5

5-2 Andromaque, 7-2 Rose Alto, 4-1 Licorne, 6-1 Forthwith, 7-1 Gisarne, 10-1 Sumoto, 12-1 Silverlocks.

4.30 PERKINS MEMORIAL CUP
(Handicap: £4,751: 2m 19yd) (6)

1 1112 HIGHFLYING 58 (CD,F,G,S) G Moore 7-10-0 W Newnes 3
2 0040 GOOD HAND 24 (D,F,G) J Watts 7-9-10 N Connorton 2
3 1301 MERRY NUTKIN 37 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-7 J Fanning 6
4 0310 FREE MOVER 38 (G,S) N Graham 4-9-4 L Piggott 4
5 5143 MOONSHINE LAKE 13 (G) H Cecil 3-8-12 A McGlone 1
6 4331 WELSHMAN 10 (D,G,S) M Blanshard 7-8-3 K Fallon 5

5-2 Highflying, 3-1 Moonshine Lake, 4-1 Welshman, 6-1 Merry Nutkin, 8-1 Good Hand, Free Mover.

5.05 CHEVIOT HANDICAP (£3,817: 7f) (9)

1 10 CAVATINA 45 (D,F) T Donnelly 3-10-0 S D Williams (3) 9
2 3210 SENSE OF PRIORITY 9 (D,F) M H Easterby 4-9-8 S Maloney (3) 6
3 0200 TARNSIDE ROSAL 9 (C,F,G) J Etherington 3-9-7 W Newnes 2
4 4665 BLUE GRIT 6 (B,D,F,G,S) M Dods 7-9-6 L Piggott 3
5 1134 ROYAL GIRL 27 (D,F,G) Miss S Hall 6-9-3 N Connorton 4
6 0033 LANGUEDOC 11 (BF,G,S) M Wane 6-9-1 K Fallon 1
7 3142 NORTH ARDAR 5 (D,F,G) M Johnston 3-8-13 T Williams 7
8 1021 LORD ALFIE 11 (D,F,G) B Meehan 4-8-9 M Hills 8
9 4515 WORKINGFORPEANUTS 26 (V,D,F) C Smith 3-7-8 J Fanning 5

3-1 Languedoc, 7-2 North Ardar, 5-1 Royal Girl, 6-1 Lord Alfie, 7-1 Blue Grit, 10-1 Tarnside Rosal, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 13 winners from 31 runners, 41.9%; J Dunlop, 5 from 14, 35.7%; W Jarvis, 5 from 18, 27.8%; G Wragg, 3 from 11, 27.3%; J Berry, 21 from 116, 18.1%; J Watts, 12 from 69, 17.4%.

JOCKEYS: N Connorton, 10 winners from 61 rides, 16.4%; M Hills, 6 from 42, 14.3%. Only qualifiers.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

Goodwood

Going: straight course good, round course good to firm

2.00 (1m 6f) 1, Shaiba (M Roberts, 11-2); 2, Azilian (15-8 fav); 3, Urgent Request (2-1). 4 ran. ¾l, 2¼l. M Stoute. Tote: £5.10. DF: £5.00. CSF: £14.17.

2.30 (6f) 1, Margaret's Gift (D Holland, 12-1); 2, Master Planner (10-1); 3, Samsonom (7-1); 4, Fascination Waltz (20-1). How's Yer Father 5-1 fav. 17 ran. Nk, nk. J Berry. Tote: £14.00; £3.00, £3.10, £2.00, £8.60. DF: £89.40. Trio: £170.10. CSF: £117.39. Tricast: £834.36.

3.10 (1m) 1, Swing Low (J Reid, 10-1); 2, Mistle Cat (11-2); 3, Emperor Jones (4-1); Inchinor 13-8 fav. 6 ran. ½l, sh hd. R Hannon. Tote: £11.40; £3.20, £2.00. DF: £20.10. CSF: £53.13.

3.40 (1m 1f) 1, Talent (Mr L Urbano, 6-1, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Dancing Beau (10-1); 3, Credit Squeeze (8-1). Gilderdale 100-30 fav. 9 ran. 5l, 1l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £7.40; £2.20, £3.50, £1.60. DF: £101.80. Trio: £157.20. CSF: £55.35. Tricast: £432.71.

4.15 (7f) 1, Maung Erm (T Quinn, 15-2); 2, Noble Pet (16-1); 3, Son Pardo (16-1) ...

4.45 (7f) 1, Zama (Pat Eddery, 7-4 fav); 2, Wind In Her Hair (8-1); 3, Luana (10-1). 11 ran. Sh hd, 3½l. J Gosden. Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £2.20, £3.00. DF: £13.80. Trio: £170.10. CSF: £16.46.

5.15 (6f) 1, Norisk'maringer (Pat Eddery, 7-4 fav); 2, Strapped (11-2); 3, Thatcherella (7-2). 5 ran. Sh hd, 3l. G Lewis. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £2.60. DF: £12.00. CSF: £10.47.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,876.25 carried forward to Epsom today).

Placepot: £12,848.80.

Newmarket

2.10 1, Wataml (100-30); 2, High Holme (33-1); 3, In Like Flynn (13-2). Storm Nymph 7-4 fav. 17 ran.

2.45 1, Fuchu (7-1); 2, King Paris (5-2 fav); 3, Perdition (13-2). 14 ran.

3.20 1, Royal Insignia (10-1); 2, Knayton Lass (8-1); 3, Beats Working (7-4 fav). 8 ran. NR: Knave's Ash, The Multiyorker.

3.50 1, Sharjah (4-1 jt-fav); 2, Mizaaya (10-1); 3, Black Dragon (15-2). River Boyne 4-1 jt-fav. 10 ran.

4.20 1, Chill Heights (14-1); 2, Dateland Melody (20-1); 3, Prairie Grove (10-1). Kassbaan 7-2 fav. 13 ran.

4.50 1, Princess Oberon (20-1); 2, ...

5.25 1, Campana (7-1); 2, Pocket Piece (7-4 fav); 3, Chummy's Saga (13-2). 13 ran.

Newcastle

2.15 1, Hawajiss (4-6 fav); 2, Mumtaz Flypast (10-1); 3, Saiska (12-1). 11 ran.

2.50 1, Obsidian Grey (8-1); 2, Marchmain (7-2 fav); 3, Rupert Court (25-1). 13 ran.

3.25 1, Smart Pet (3-1 fav); 2, Lady Sheriff (13-2); 3, No Mean City (12-1). 8 ran.

4.00 1, Atherton Green (6-1); 2, Flashman (20-1); 3, Sharquin (10-1). Doctor Roy 5-2 fav. 10 ran.

4.30 1, Coureur (14-1); 2, Premier Star (5-1); 3, Shamgaan (12-1); 4, Dances With Gold (16-1). Clarification 9-2 fav. 18 ran.

5.00 1, Harpoon Louie (11-10 fav); 2, Scoffera (4-1); 3, Hot Off The Press (7-2). 5 ran.

RICHARD EVANS

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(3.55 Newcastle)

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Windsor

5.20 1, Gipsy Kid (15-2); 2, Rafter-J (14-1); 3, Monsieur Petong (5-1 fav). 21 ran. NR: Aileens Girl.

5.45 1, Strumpet City (11-1); 2, Lady Williams (4-1); 3, Mathandan (33-1). Captain Scarlet 7-2 jt-fav. 18 ran.

6.10 1, Moon Spin (3-1 fav); 2, Precious Air (5-1); 3, Dare Sparrow (5-1). 9 ran. NR: Canadian Capers.

6.40 1, Usaidit (7-1); 2, Source Of Light (11-8 fav); 3, Muhayaa (15-2). 7 ran.

7.10 1, Danish Fort (100-30); 2, Tremolando (5-4 fav); 3, Vratislav (9-2). 4 ran.

7.40 1, Shirley Rose (5-6 fav); 2, Wings Cove (6-4); 3, Khalidi (25-1). 5 ran.

Cartmel

2.20 1, Dark Fountain (7-1); 2, Mellow Gold (4-6 fav); 3, Faustina (33-1). 6 ran.

2.55 1, Battle Standard (9-2); 2, Golden Madjambo (12-1); 3, Cyrill Henry (5-4 fav). 11 ran.

3.30 1, Local Customer (6-4); 2, Ben Tirran (13-2); 3, Mr Panache (16-1). River House 4-5 fav (pu). 4 ran.

4.05 1, Beaucadeau (3-1); 2, Srivijaya (7-4 ...

4.35 1, Counterbid (10-11 fav); 2, Helmar (11-4); 3, Second Attempt (20-1). 4 ran.

5.10 1, Burnt Imp (11-2); 2, Who's The Best (5-1); 3, Mr Genealogy (Evens fav). 8 ran.

Hereford

5.25 1, Well Done Rory (5-4 fav); 2, Doctor-J (16-1); 3, Coochie (7-2). 7 ran.

5.55 1, Market Leader (11-4); 2, Socks Downe (4-1); 3, Court Rapier (8-13 fav). 4 ran. NR: Curaheen Boy.

6.25 1, Ice Strike (4-6 fav); 2, Winged Whisper (33-1); 3, Fortuna's Song (50-1). 11 ran. NR: Homile, Class Attraction.

6.55 1, Johnsted (11-2); 2, The Black Monk (8-15 fav); 3, Viaggio (9-2). 6 ran.

7.25 1, Windsor Park (7-4); 2, Crafty Chaplain (11-2); 3, Menaghi (20-1). Bardesan Evens fav. 7 ran.

7.55 1, Lustreman (4-1); 2, Zamanayn (7-1); 3, Court Circular (13-2). Singing Reply 3-1 fav. 10 ran.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Epsom: 2.05 Erris Boy. 2.35 Myjinka. Newcastle: 3.20 (Kaydaraj). Ripon: 2.00 Tiquhilie Rose. 2.30 Riva's Book. 4.00 Lear King. ...

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L Dettori	102	87	80	6	-25.77
G Duffield	97	71	72	0	-9.84
T Quinn	90	87	78	3	-110.89

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3	Arsenal	5	12	+2	WWWWL
4	Norwich	5	10	+5	DWWWL
5	Ipswich	5	10	+4	DLWWW
6	Blackburn	5	10	+3	DWWLW
7	Coventry	5	9	+4	DDDWW
8	Everton	5	9	+3	LLWWW
9	Tottenham	5	9	+1	LWWLW
10	Aston Villa	5	8	+3	WLDDW
11	Sheffield Utd	5	7	-2	DWLLW
12	Wimbledon	5	6	+1	DLDDW
13	QPR	5	6	-2	WLWLL
14	Chelsea	5	5	0	DWLDL
15	Newcastle	5	5	-1	DWDLL
16	Oldham	5	5	-3	DDLWL
17	West Ham	5	4	-5	LWDLL
18	Leeds	5	4	-6	LLLWD
19	Southampton	5	3	-2	LWLLL
20	Manchester City	5	2	-4	DLLLD
21	Sheffield Wed	5	2	-5	DLLDL
22	Swindon	5	1	-12	DLLLL

Weekly change ▲ Up — Stayed the same ▼ Down



Simon Barnes watches Swindon Town receive an overdue return for sticking to their principles

I was present at a Historic Moment on Saturday. I know, because the radio man from *Wiltshire Sound, seated on my left, proclaimed* this unimpeachable fact to his agog listeners: a Historic Moment for Wiltshire, deep in the heart of Norfolk.

If there was any doubt about the appropriateness of such a phrase, it was dispelled by the reaction of the travelling supporters from Wiltshire: they greeted the final whistle with a gloriously affirmative *yuurhhh.*

It was indeed, in the old Fleet Street tag, much ado about nothing-nothing, but it was Swindon Town's first point in the big time and it was achieved against perennially-pleasing Norwich, a club on an early-season roll.

Yes, after a disastrous start of four defeats, Swindon have actually got a point in the first division, or the premier league, or the premiership, or whatever it is called these days. You would have thought they would have learnt better from the League-Milk-Rumbelows-Coca-Cola-Cup, but the point was still important for Swindon.

Interesting that they should have managed it against Norwich. If Swindon have any sense, they must hope they will be like Norwich when they grow up — far from the traditional inner-city centres of footballing strength, but instead an outpost of excellence, a tribute to good planning and sane perspective.

Almost every year, Norwich defy the logistics and, instead of barely hanging on in the top division, prosper. Swindon's rise to this dizzy level was a triumph: staying there will be a greater one. Prospering looks a very tall order.

It has long been a fact that the top division is two competitions in one. The top ten-or-so clubs battle for the championship, the bottom ten-or-so manoeuvre to avoid the drop. There has been no parity of competition since home clubs were permitted to keep their own gate receipts, instead of splitting it with their visitors. In the premiership, the first shall be first and the last, last.

But there are some interesting anomalies in this pretty well cut-and-dried format. Manchester City, an inner-city club with a traditionally large constituency, has, over the years, gone from weakness to weakness. Norwich is an anomaly at the other end, a club that should be fighting against relegation every season, but which, from time to time, actually challenges for the championship. They might have won it last year, but cannot afford the strength in depth and so faded in the stretch.

Since 1973, Norwich have had four managers; the shortest completed tenure was five years. Long-term success at any level in football stems from continuity of purpose and continuity of personnel.

Manchester City have had 12 managers since Malcolm Allison joined in 1972. They sacked another last week. There are two ways of reading this — either Peter Swales, the chairman, is one of the worst pickers in football history, or he has the mistaken belief that discontinuity breeds success. If so, he has proved himself triumphantly wrong.

Swindon, with the financial troubles of the previous board, are hardly an advert for continuity, but perhaps the present set-up will provide it. Continuity of purpose has at least been established, first by Ossie Ardiles as manager, then by Glenn Hoddle, who has left to take on another sack-prone chairman, Ken Bates, of Chelsea. Hoddle's departure was hardly Swindon's fault.

John Gorman, Hoddle's assistant, stays on as manager. There is continuity, albeit of a tenuous kind. Gorman still plays the critic-pleasing football that Ardiles and Hoddle established.

Norwich, too, have chosen much the same route, and it works. Football observers are waiting to see if Swindon sacrifice their "principles" and start to play "expedient" football of the long-ball type. The fact is that for Norwich, their neat, skilful style of football *is* expedient. They go the pretty route, not because it *is* pretty, but because it gets you there. It works. It wins games.

Swindon played a lot of pleasing stuff themselves, as their young tradition dictates they should. They also played a flat back four and an offside trap. They wanted this point badly and were prepared to go slumming for it. They might even have pinched a win, but nobody quite had the nerve to finish off a series of cheerful, sweeping build-ups in the second half.

They remain everybody's favourites for demotion, a footballing Icarus from the provinces that has flown too high, too near the sun, and which must, before the season is over, fall to the depths from which they arose. But if there is hope for Swindon, it is to be found in Norwich: still flying after all these years.

This is a town and a club that have a sense of identity that is not overshadowed by a neighbouring giant. Football at the highest level is still possible outside the great conurbations. How many other towns have a cathedral within walking distance of a top-level football club?

NORWICH CITY (4-4-2): B Gunn — I Culverhouse, J Polston, I Butterworth (sub: G Megson, 27min), R Newman — R Fox, J Goss, I Crook, M Bowen — C Sutton, M Robins (sub: E Ekoku, 66)
SWINDON TOWN (4-5-1): F Digby — N Summerbee, L Nijhol, S Taylor, J Mercer — R MacLaren, M Hazard, M Ling, A Whitbread, K Horlock — A Mutch (sub: J Fjortoft, 82)
Referee: D Ellaray.

Wright on song as flow goes towards Arsenal



Rob Hughes on the player who scores regularly for his club but only rarely for his country

Ian Wright, the aspiring singer, is at No 45 in the charts. After his brace of goals at the weekend, it would be remarkable if he were not *rather higher in the priorities* of Graham Taylor. For the England manager, who today names his squad for the World Cup qualifying tie against Poland at Wembley next week, requires above all a goalscorer upon whom the nation can rely. The alternative is to disappear within ten days from the competition.

As the pressure mounts on England's forwards to produce, Wright, scoring once like a thief in the night against Everton and then again with the hypnotic agility of a circus juggler, confirmed, in the 2-0 win at Highbury on Saturday, that when the flow is with him, he is irresistible.

The conundrum surrounding Wright is this: those were his sixtieth and 61st goals in 85 matches for Arsenal. No scorer in the English league — Alan Shearer included — has matched that. However, in 12 appearances in an England shirt, Wright has scored just once — fortunately the equaliser in Poland in May.

Enigma variations may not be his kind of movement, and they are probably not Paul Merson's either, yet the dichotomy of both, two Arsenal players so high on self-belief and skill at Highbury, is that their spontaneity seems a paler colour in the white of England. Why should this be?

On Saturday, in a game of organised boredom until half-time, the injection of Merson from the substitutes' bench lifted the soul of Arsenal and Wright with it.

Until Merson was released from whatever bondage George Graham, the Arsenal manager, likes to shackle him with from time to time, Wright's gifts had been apparent but isolated. And yet, when the goals came, they were so *similar to those on which* Taylor built his own managerial career: the functional habit of pumping the ball upfield and relying on the magic of the players Taylor, like Graham, always tried to employ.

It does away with sophistication, a word Taylor dislikes and distrusts. In the case of Wright, the conundrum is complex. He scores in the way that Pele, no less, has described the art of football as "the ability to create something out of nothing". His first goal, probably a yard offside, showed how quick and simple Wright can be.

When he is healthy and feeling good, we can see what an extraordinary athlete Wright is

The ball had been powered forward by Seaman and flicked on by the head of Campbell. Wright was lurking with intent, his right foot was a rapier and even a goalkeeper as defiant and still as agile at Southall was powerless to intervene.

But the second goal, though this time it required not even a touch from anyone for Seaman's long kick to find the target, was pure, undistilled Wright. He controlled it on his left foot, sending Jackson in the wrong direction. He used the right to gently hook the ball over Jackson and then, ignoring the defender's despairing challenge, he similarly bemused Southall with a refined lob from 15 yards.

The difference between *Wright this season and to*wards the end of last is that he requires no painkillers in a damaged foot. Healthy, feeling good about the whole season, all can see what an extraordinary athlete he is.

There is hunger too, and it has been there since Wright was abandoned in boyhood by his father and was denied an apprenticeship in football.

His main flaw is a volatile *temperament, which means* that even when Taylor names him today, one can never be sure he will not do something silly, something at times malicious, between now and the night of September 8.

Who should partner him? This is clearly a match too soon for Shearer, recuperating after his serious operation. Les Ferdinand, between sulks and strange vacillations of insecurity as well as infirmity in his back, is again showing the appetite for goal scoring. His pace is not far short of Wright's, indeed in straight speed he may even be quicker, but there are the claims of Sheringham and Clough to consider.

If strikers hunt in pairs, the intelligence these two show has to be considered. Clough, having been given his chance and failed in place of Gascoigne as a creator, has reasserted himself after the move to Liverpool. Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, asks him simply to perform alongside Ian Rush. All strikers should be so lucky. The Welshman's guile creates an aura of its own and Clough's lack of initial acceleration is overcome by his ability to think quickly.

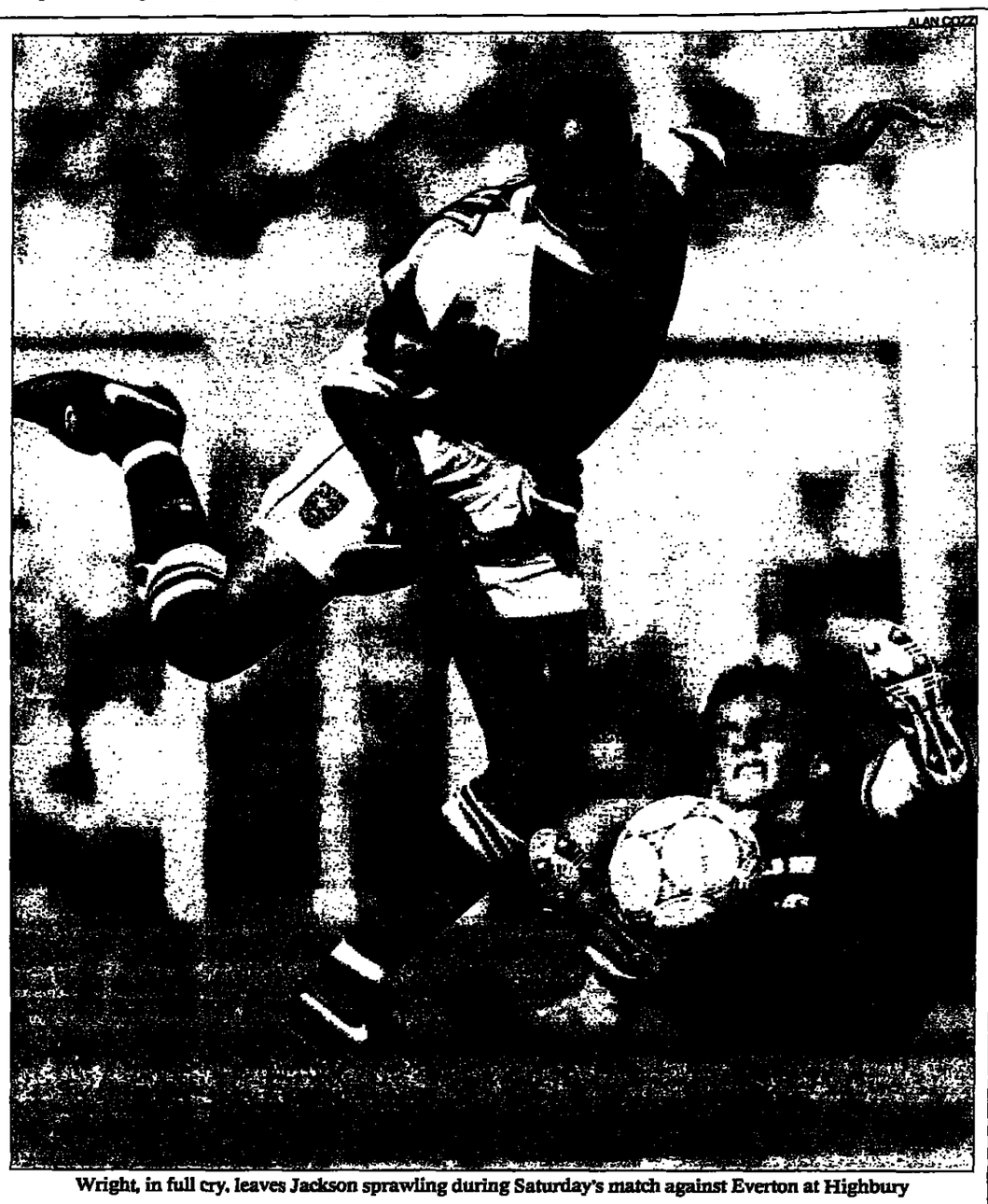
So, in this early season when English footballers are, despite performing three times a week, fresh, there appears *an abundance of belief in the* goalscorers. Since nothing less than victory against Poland would be terminal to England's World Cup interests, this is timely.

Yet there is a claim to partner Wright closer to home. Merson has begged, on and off for the past year, to be allowed to forage up front with the striker. Taylor has said that he *considers Merson a forward* player who can, when necessary, break to the flanks. Yet, as stubborn as Taylor himself, Graham seems almost vindictive in denying his gifted forward that freedom.

He dropped him after the opening game defeat against Coventry City and, despite the fact that Merson has looked a class apart from other Arsenal players, Graham still says that "we will have to wait and see" whether Merson starts the *next game, at Blackburn on* Wednesday.

In the event, we have to remember that Graham's priority is Arsenal and that his success with pragmatic football won another two cups last season. Taylor, with different priorities, has to ponder whether to take the same material from Arsenal and employ it with virtually opp*osite orders. The club versus* country dilemma at its more bizarre.

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — M Keown, A Linighan, A Adams, N Winterburn — E McGoldrick, *D Hillier* (sub: P Merson, 46min), J Jensen, R Parlour — K Campbell, I Wright.
EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — P Holmes, M Jackson, G Ablett, A Hinchcliffe — G Stuart (sub: P Radosavljevic, 59min), B Horne, J Ebrell, M Ward — P Rideout, A Cottee (sub: S Barlow, 73min).
Referee: K Burge.



ALAN COZZI

Wright, in full cry, leaves Jackson sprawling during Saturday's match against Everton at Highbury

Shilton's burden eased by Argyle triumph

Russell Kempson sees the former England goalkeeper's side overcome Port Vale

HE STILL drives a sleek BMW, with PS number plate, likes a flutter on the horses, commands a healthy wage and keeps himself fit. Even in Devon, a zillion cream teas removed *from his rarefied* former existence, Peter Shilton enjoys the good life.

No more global travelling, England caps or World Cups; no more strict regimes, high octane matches or reactionary public to appease. A perfect environment in which to ease into the managerial jungle.

How wrong. Since Shilton arrived at Home Park in March last year, on a three-year deal and with enthusiasm to burn, Plymouth Argyle have slipped from the first division and finished fourteenth *in the second. Failure to* gain promotion this season will invoke a clause in his contract that negates the re*maining months.*

"Peter would have the opportunity to move on or we could move him on," Dan McCauley, the Plymouth chairman, said. "If it came to it, I am sure there would be renegotiation. His job is not in jeopardy at the moment. We are all optimistic."

McCauley demands a swift return on his heavy investment in Argyle — "I am told it's £1.8 million, but I am too frightened to add it up" — and will not be afraid to open the trapdoor. Five months after he became chairman, he lured Shilton away from Derby County, but 125 international goalkeeping appearances no longer impress him. Their relationship is cool.

The manager, though, is staying calm. "I've probably learned more in the last 18 months than in 20 years of playing," Shilton, 43, said. "I feel I've done a pretty good job here in the circumstances. If in *nine months it's felt I haven't* proved myself, so be it. I don't feel any extra pressure because of it. If things don't work out, maybe I will move on."

Argyle has substantially reduced its £1.4 million loss of last year, but the bank account remains a deep shade of red. Shilton's frequent ventures into the transfer market are grinding to a halt.

Alan Nicholls, 19, is one of his cheapest buys, a £10,000-plus-increments purchase from Cheltenham, and he *could prevent his manager* from playing the nine League matches he needs to reach a career 1,000. He made an *impressive debut in the 2-0* win over Port Vale on Saturday, dominating his area in the verbal and physical style of Shilton in his prime.

Second-half goals from Marshall and Castle arrested Argyle's faltering start to the campaign, yet the noose still hovers. "We are both novices, we are both learning," McCauley said, "but Plymouth is hungry for success and, unless it gets it, we are both in trouble." Playing for Leicester City, Stoke City, Nottingham Forest, Southampton, Derby and England was easy.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (4-3-3): A Nicholls — M Patterson, K Hill, A Comyn, D Naylor — M Barlow, S Castle, S McCall — D Marshall, K Nugent (sub: M Evans, 47min), P Dalton.
PORT VALE (4-3-3): P Musselwhite — K Kent, N Aspin, P Swan, D Glover — I Taylor, R Van Der Laan, A Tankard, J Kerr (sub: J Billing, 77). N Cross, B Steven.

Samways spurs Tottenham

Keith Pike reports from Villa Park on a player making a strong case for England recognition

THE player whose talent had stagnated in the shadows of others is finally blossoming. The elevation of Vinny Samways from hod-carrier to midfield foreman has come not a moment too soon.

Graham Taylor, the England manager, was among those at Villa Park on Saturday to witness at first hand the increasing influence of the Tottenham Hotspur playmaker. Today, Taylor names his squad for the crucial World Cup qualifying tie against Poland and the number of people who believe Samways should be included is growing by the match.

Osvaldo Ardiles, who knows a *thing or two about winning* important World Cup ties, is in no doubt. The loss of three FA Carling Premiership points in a 1-0 defeat *against Aston Villa hurt the Tottenham* Hotspur manager, but the performance of Samways, particularly in the first half, eased the pain. *If it was down to Ardiles, Samways* would be the player charged with taking the Poles apart at Wembley.

"I have no hesitation in recommending Vinny to Graham Taylor," Ardiles said. "He is a superb player. Very few players in England have his vision and his quality. I certainly see some of my own qualities in him." There could hardly be higher praise.

Little wonder, then, that through all the mayhem that surrounded his succession of Terry Venables at White Hart Lane during the summer, Ardiles made it his first priority to placate the 24-year-old who had made public his disenchantment. Dismayed by the departure of Venables, the man who had promised to give him his head, Samways wanted a transfer, but Ardiles also saw in him a creative force in the Tottenham tradition. Ardiles's renowned power of persuasion won the day and Tottenham are already profiting.

Ardiles had been better aware than most of Samways's frustration. *It was the Argentinian's own* presence alongside Hoddle and Waddle in the Tottenham midfield that had blunted Samways's progress. *Good enough to earn five England* Under-21 caps in 1988 and 1989, Samways found both his opportunities and his role at club level restricted.

The end of Ardiles's playing career and the decision by Hoddle and Waddle to take their talents abroad should have signalled Samways's chance. Instead, as Paul Gascoigne arrived from Tyneside to conduct the Tottenham orchestra, he again found himself playing second fiddle. In his first five full seasons with Tottenham, Samways played in just over half their games. Now, as others fetch and carry for him, he is relishing his duties at the base of Ardiles's midfield diamond. "I just tell him to go out and enjoy himself, to make us play," Ardiles said.

Samways may not have Gascoigne's ability to surge past opponents or Hoddle's shooting power, but he can pass with either foot and has awareness and confidence in his first touch. There were times on Saturday when Villa's midfield quartet were bypassed as if they were cones on a training ground, Samways drawing markers to him and then releasing Dozzell and Co with deft passes. He can defend, too. When Villa broke swiftly from a corner just before half-time, it was only Samways's dogged pursuit of Saunders that prevented Thorstvedt from being completely exposed.

Tottenham, by then, should have been ahead, but the cutting edge that had brought them previous *away wins over Newcastle United* and Liverpool was missing, Sedgley and Dozzell wasting their best chances. Once Villa had shaken off *their lethargy. Tottenham were* ground down, finally succumbing to Staunton's 72nd-minute penalty after Austin had clumsily felled Richardson.

ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): N Spink — E Barrett, S Teale, P McGrath, S Staunton — R Houghton, K Richardson, G Parker, A Daley (sub: G Whittingham, 82min) — D Saunders, D Atkinson.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-1-2-1-2): E Thorstvedt — *D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, S Campbell* — V Samways — D Howells (sub: D Caskey, 58; sub: D Anderton, 70), S Sedgley — J Dozzell — E Sheringham, G Dune.
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd).

Leeds lack case for defence

Peter Ball reflects on hard times for Howard Wilkinson after his side's defeat against Liverpool at Anfield

MAINE Road on Friday produced the rare sound of supporters of a struggling team criticising the chairman for sacking the manager. At Anfield on Saturday, the more *familiar sound of supporters turn*ing against the manager himself surfaced as Leeds lost 2-0 and dropped into the bottom five of the FA Carling Premiership.

Only 15 months after receiving a hero's reception for winning the championship, Howard Wilkinson is under fire. The replacement of Rod Wallace by Noel Whelan was greeted with boos and chants of "Rocky, Rocky" for Rocastle, who was not even on the bench.

On the specifics, the supporters have, at best, half a case. With Leeds trailing by two goals with 20 minutes to go, the substitution of a fresh striker for a tiring one seemed reasonable and while sympathy for Rocastle is understandable, Strachan, the midfield player *whose place he might have taken,* was possibly Leeds' best player.

The general question is more pertinent. Leeds have not won away *from home since the victory at* Bramall Lane in April 1992 that brought them the title, an appalling record for champions, as they were *for 21 of the 24 subsequent games.* On Saturday, it was also a perplexing record, because they were the better team before Liverpool scored and dominated the second half.

"As with every game, this season, we did most things between reasonably and very well and we did one thing abysmally," Wilkinson said. Unfortunately, that one thing was defending.

With both Liverpool goals on Saturday, there was an element of luck. Rush's 200th league goal for Liverpool went in off his nose as he failed to control Hutchison's cross and there could have been two opinions about the penalty awarded as Jones got to the ball a fraction ahead of Lukic.

But in both cases, more decisive defending could have prevented the goals. "We've either got to put it right ourselves, or we'll have to get somebody else to do it," Wilkinson said, "get somebody who will take responsibility, who will head the ball away."

It has been an extraordinary *turnaround since the champion*ship, which was built as much as anything on a sound defence. On Saturday, with O'Leary missing and the promising but inexperienced Kelly in the problem position at right back, it was the principal weakness.

Yet, after a bright start, Leeds failed to create very much either, for all their second-half possession. McAllister and Strachan had their moments, but Batty seems to have lost his only real strength, aggression, and Deane and Wallace had few openings to work on. "We were not as incisive in the box as we *might have been,*" Wilkinson said.

Should they get the ball forward quicker, like they used to? "We used to kick the ball up the field and head it," Wilkinson said. "Every game we've played so far, we've played the game the way people like to see it played, we've made chances, but it doesn't matter what style you play, if you defend like that you give goals away and we've been charitable."

It is hard to believe that a manager with Wilkinson's record will not rectify the problem, but a reaction to winning the championship is no longer a sufficient explanation for his side's demise and the failure to strengthen the defence is becoming a focal point of criticism.

A self-styled Leeds Action Group has demanded that Wilkinson is dismissed and replaced by Jack Charlton. That, accompanied by a suggestion that Leeds buy back Eric Cantona for £3 million, says all that needs to be said about its grasp on reality, but the reaction of *supporters on Saturday* suggests that disquiet is spreading.

LIVERPOOL (4-4-2): B Grobbelaar — R Jones, M Wright, N Ruddock, D Burrows — D Hutchison (sub: M Marsh, 63min), J McStay, R Whelan, S McManaman — N Clough, I Rush.
LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): J Lukic — G Kelly, C Fairclough, J Newsome, A Dorigo — G Strachan, D Batty, G McAllister, G Speed — R Wallace (sub: N Whelan, 71), S Deane.

Cantona enhances the champions' credentials as Southampton struggle in vain

United keep Branfoot's underdogs in their place

Peter Robinson watches the FA Carling Premiership's richest club grow richer at the expense of a perenially poor relation

AT LUNCHTIME on Saturday, Ian Branfoot was musing on the growing gap between football's big clubs and their smaller cousins. By teatime, you knew exactly what he meant. Manchester United had come to The Dell, played well, if within themselves, and cantered to a 3-1 win. The gap between Southampton and the League champions looked a yawning chasm.

Less than ten years ago, Southampton finished second in the League with a team that included Keegan, Channon and Ball. Only Liverpool in their pomp denied them the title and United trailed in behind, still dreaming of Best, Law and Charlton. Now, United are the champions and it is Southampton who fondly remember better days gone by. The roles are unlikely to be reversed again as the brave new world inspired by the Taylor Report and the television companies takes shape.

Working on the principle that money comes to money, the big clubs, with United in the vanguard, have spent millions on their stadiums and teams. Southampton, needless to say, have no millions.

"The big clubs are getting bigger and it is increasingly difficult for clubs like us to bridge that gap," Branfoot had said. Here was the proof. A transitional Southampton team in a small ground with a shrinking capacity trying to play football with the big boys, but to no avail.

Within five minutes, it was clear this was not so much a match as a mis-match. Fourteen seconds after the kick-off Giggs scooped a shot just wide; after 1min 28sec, Ince missed narrowly with a 20-yard drive; on the 2min 40sec mark, Hughes was again close from 20 yards, and 4min 20sec after the start, Irwin scurried down the left, crossed and Sharpe volleyed the opening goal. It was 1-0, it could have been 4-0 and at the heart of it all was Cantona, in his first game of the season, conducting the show with a mercurial, gallic flourish.

Southampton, unlike many, have their own "Cantona" in Le Tissier, who sounds French, but isn't. His intervention in Southampton's first tentative foray forward set up an unexpected equaliser for the eager Maddison. But, three minutes later, the maestro replied. Ince robbed Maddison on the edge of the Southampton area, the ball rolled to Cantona and he lifted it delicately and deliberately over Flowers. *Touché.*

United then stepped off the gas a little, leaving Maddison and Bartlett to impress in midfield, and only briefly broke sweat again after half-time, Irwin making it 3-1 and ending the game was finished as a meaningful contest.

Nevertheless, the end, when it came, was bitter and bitchy. Ince and Schmeichel needed treatment, incurring the wrath of a crowd convinced they were time-wasting, even if Ince was clearly struggling with his shoulder and Schmeichel had a finger dislocated by a stinging Le Tissier drive. An object, almost certainly a bottle, was thrown towards the Dane from the crowd.

Minutes later, Ince was booked for not retreating from a free kick and, his name taken, promptly made a gesture to the crowd. The intervention of Bruce, the United captain, probably saved him from a red card.

It was an undignified finish and neither Branfoot nor his opposite number, Alex Ferguson, cared to linger on it, Ferguson purring over Cantona's contribution and promising Ince would be fit for England next week.

Branfoot, meanwhile, called United's display "as good a performance as I have seen in the Premier League for four and a half years". Ferguson, with the memory of United's epic win at Villa Park still just five days old, could barely say that was the best he had seen in the last week. But his team plays in a different league.

SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): T Flowers — J Kenna, K Monkou, K Moore (sub: S Charlton, 67min), F Benali — G Cockerill (sub: N Banger, 56), N Maddison, N Bartlett, M Adams — M Le Tissier, I Dowie.
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-2-4): P Schmeichel — P Parker, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — P Ince, R Keane (sub: A Kanchelskis, 73) — L Sharpe, M Hughes, E Cantona, R Giggs (sub: B McClair, 64).
Referee: A Gunn.

IAN STEWART



Gleghorn, left, of Stoke, is the subject of the close attentions of O'Regan and Donovan, of West Bromwich Albion

Burkinshaw still strong on style

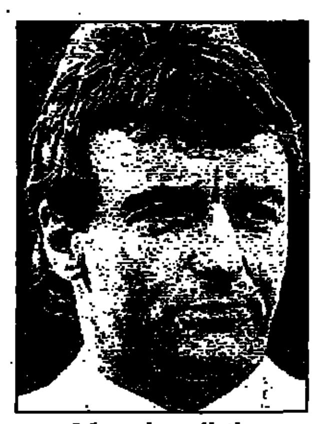
Christopher Irvine finds the West Bromwich Albion manager sticking to his principles despite watching his side lose to Stoke City

PROPER football is burning brightly in the competitive furnace of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. West Bromwich Albion lost 1-0, but their manager, Keith Burkinshaw, refused to bemoan his lot, despite the Indian sign that Stoke City appear to have on West Bromwich after a fifth narrow win in two seasons.

"We believe in the football we play," he said. "Sometimes it comes off. Even when it doesn't, we entertain and it was encouraging, never mind the result."

It is not simply the strength in depththat makes the first division so interesting. Burkinshaw is not alone in his thinking that all that glistens in the FA Carling Premiership is not gold and that, in the less rarefied atmosphere of the lower divisions, more of the skills, such as control and patient build-up, that England require are on regular show.

The Premiership has next weekend off, prior to England's World Cup qualifier with Poland on Wednesday week. The first division will, as usual, come out to play. Graham Taylor could do worse than go to watch West Bromwich play Wolverhampton Wanderers, or any of numerous other high-quality confrontations.



Macari: realistic

Expectations were high in the Potteries on Saturday, after a memorable 4-3 defeat of West Bromwich 12 months before that set Stoke on their inexorable rise to the top of the second division. As then, the long ball went a long way to frustrating opponents who refused to compromise their more stylish approach. On this occasion, though, West Bromwich paid for one lapse in concentration just once, in the 68th minute.

All afternoon, Regis, the target for Cranson at the back, had proved an awkward customer. Obstructing him on the right edge of the box proved disastrous. Gynn floated the free kick, Cranson found Stein lurking unmarked at the back post and his earlier misses were instantly forgiven.

The Boothen End was still chorusing "Delilah" when Bradley rattled the Stoke crossbar from 20 yards and Prudhoe's acrobatics in goal foiled Burgess. Both were a denial of justice for the precision and poise O'Regan and the way Lilwall and Fereday pushed up from the back to help Taylor, who will enjoy better striking days than this.

Stoke might yet prove as cussed as they did last season, now they have the encouragement of a first win. Their back four were the solid basis of their victory, but the suspension of Overson for three matches will leave them badly exposed. With the visit of Manchester United in the Coca-Cola Cup next month, Lou Macari is planning a visit to his chairman's office.

"We need a few new faces. I don't really expect this team to carry us through this division all year. It is going to be extremely tough," the Stoke manager said.

STOKE CITY (4-4-2): M Prudhoe — J Butler, L Sandford, I Cranson, V Overson — K Lowe (sub: M Carruthers, 90min), M Gynn, S Foley (sub: T Orlygsson, 81), N Gleghorn — M Stein, D Regis.
WEST BROMWICH ALBION (4-3-1-2): T Lange — W Fereday, S Lilwall, D Bradley, P Raven — D Burgess, I Hamilton, K O'Regan — K Donovan — A Hunt, B Taylor.
Referee: J Lloyd.

☐ Jim Smith, the Portsmouth manager, has been charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute after a confrontation with the referee, Steve Dunne, at the end of his side's defeat at Oxford on the opening day of the season. Smith raced onto the pitch at the final whistle to protest at Dunne's penalty decision which enabled Oxford to win 3-2.

Rangers pay for rising injury count

RODDY FORSYTH



Scottish commentary

Rangers' defeat by Kilmarnock on Saturday was remarkable, in that it ended an unbeaten sequence at home that had run for 17 months and because it provided the Ayrshire club with its first win at Ibrox since November 26, 1960, but it was also predictable.

Before the season started, I suggested that not even Rangers, with their extensive squad, could sustain so many injuries to key players — such as Goram, McCall, McCoist, McPherson and Robertson — and hope to maintain last season's irresistible momentum. More wheels have fallen off the Scottish champions' wagon since then, but, until Saturday, they were at least able to hold the predators at bay.

It will take a month or so before Rangers return to something like full strength and for Duncan Ferguson to begin to be properly assimilated, so September is bound to be unusually hazardous for the team that so recently looked invulnerable to domestic challenge.

Rangers have a difficult League Cup quarter-final meeting with Aberdeen to fulfil on Wednesday and their next league outing is to Dens Park where, as it happens, they were the victims of a rare defeat just over a year ago.

The then Dundee manager, Simon Stainrod, was in charge of the team until last Thursday, when it was announced that he had been appointed director of football operations at the club while his former assistant, Jim Duffy, was promoted to the manager's chair. Many observers see this as a variation on the old trick of a vote of confidence by the board — namely, the prelude to dismissal, but Stainrod insists that the move is designed to bring Dundee into line with a common European practice.

"On the Continent, many clubs employ someone whose sole job is to seek out useful talent and to negotiate complicated contracts," Stainrod said. "I will be abroad quite a bit because our chairman, Ron Dixon, sees the wisdom of buying footballers and treating them as assets.

"The chairman wants to spend money on players and I can deal with this, but I can't be in two places at once and so the sensible move is for Jim Duffy to be in charge of the team."

Duffy, too, believes the arrangement makes best use of the management talent available to Dundee: "I was working with the players anyway, so there will be no great disruption there, but we have the added advantage that Simon will be out looking for new signings and dealing with a side of the business which, to be honest, I'm not particularly good at," he said.

The sceptical are entitled to wonder exactly how much scope is offered to Stainrod by such a position at a club that occupies bottom place in the premier division with one point from four matches. Dundee do, however, employ an unusually high number of non-Scots — about half their playing strength — and, in the past ten days, Stainrod has signed a Dane and two Poles, one of whom is Adamczuk, scorer of Poland's goal in the 1-1 draw with England in Katowice.

Stainrod said: "I spent from 7.30 in the morning until 3.30 the following morning when I was abroad last week preparing contracts, faxing them abroad, making arrangements about players' wives and families. You need somebody who is confident and comfortable with business if that is to be done properly."

Stainrod does not want it thought that his interest in coaching has diminished. "My ambition in football is to be as successful a manager as ever was. I am 34 years of age and I am as experienced a coach as most 40-year-old managers."

He had said that he wants to be manager of England and when asked again if the job remains an object of his desire, Stainrod's reply was characteristically brash and engaging: "Yes, the sooner the better, actually."

WEEKEND'S RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

ARSENAL (0) 2 — EVERTON (0) 0
Wright 48, 78 — 29,063
A VILLA (0) 1 — TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Staunton 71 (pen) — 32,498
CHELSEA (1) 1 — SHEFF WED (1) 1
Lee 34; 16,652 — Bright 11
LIVERPOOL (2) 2 — LEEDS (0) 0
Rush 24 Molby 40 (pen) — 44,068
NORWICH (0) 0 — SWINDON (0) 0
17,614
OLDHAM (1) 1 — WIMBLEDON (0) 1
Bernard 7; 9,633 — Jones 49
SHEFF UTD (1) 1 — IPSWICH (0) 1
Flo 25; 17,932 — Whitton 89
SOUTHMPTN (1) 1 — MAN UTD (2) 3
Maddison 13; 16,189 — Sharpe 4 Cantona 17 Irwin 49
WEST HAM (0) 0 — QPR (1) 4
18,084 — Peacock 12 Ferdinand 47, 71 Penrice 53

Yesterday

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 — BLACKBURN (0) 1
Cole 61; 34,272 — Shearer 75

Leading scorers: 4 Wright (Arsenal), Clough (Liverpool); 3 Atkinson (A Villa), Bernard (Oldham), Cottee (Everton), Fashanu (Wimbledon), Ferdinand (QPR), Marshall (Ipswich), Quinn (Coventry), Sharpe (Man Utd), Sheringham (Tottenham), Sutton (Norwich).

FA CUP: PRELIMINARY ROUND. Consett 5 Willington 2, Billingham 1 Alnwick 1; Yorkshire Amateur 2 Brandon 1; Billingham 3 Darlington C S 0, Harrogate 5 Peterlee 2; Evenwood 3 Ferryhill 1; Esh Winning 0 Gretna 1; Horden 4 Hebburn 4; Ryhope 0 Prudhoe 3; Shildon w/o S Shields; Pickering 5 Penrith 2; Workington 0 Crook 2; Tow Law 1 W Auckland 0; Lancaster 3 Whickham 1, Murton 3 Durham 2, Atherton L R 1 Blackpool 1; Alfreton 3 Armthorpe 2; Blidworth 1 Arnold 4; Belper 1 Bamber B 2; Caernarfon 0 Burscough 0; Clitheroe 1 Congleton 0; Warrington 5 Bradford Pk 0, Flixton 2 F Celtic 0; Glasshoughton 0 Glossop NE 2; Eccleshill 2 Denaby 2; Hucknall 4 Chadderton 0; Gt Harwood 1 Guiseley 5; Ossett T 5 Harworth 3; Immingham 1 Ilkeston 3, Newcastle 1 Ossett Alb 1, Maine Road 0 Maltby 1; Lincoln 4 Mossley 2; Oldham 1 N Ferriby 3, Skelmersdale 0 Thackley 1, Rossendale 3 Rossington Main 0; Radcliffe B 1 Salford 3; Wednesfield 1 Eastwood 0; West Bromwich 1 Willenhall 3, Winterton 2 Prescot 0, Bilston 0 Bridgnorth 2; Armitage 1 Banbury 0; Chasetown 2 Barwell 1; Boldmere St M 2 Blakenall 0, Halesowen H 2 Leicester 4; Dudley 2 Eastwood H 1; Desborough 1 Evesham 0, Hinckley 2 Hinckley Ath 1; L Buckby 2 Redditch 2; Daventry 0 Oldbury 3; R C Warwick 1 Pershore 2; Stewarts and L 1 Stretford 3; Rothwell 2 Rushall 0; Rocester 0 Rushden and D 1; Stourport 0 Stourbridge 0; Brightlingsea 1 Canvey Island 3, B Stortford 4 Boston 0; Billericay 5 Bourne 2; Bury 1 Burnham Ramblers 2; Haverhill 1 Eynesbury 2; Felixstowe 1 Gorleston 1; Fakenham 2 Gt Yarmouth 2; Histon 0 Heybridge 9, Stamford 4 Tiptree 1, M Blackstone 0 Kings Lynn 1 March 3 S Walden 2, Sudbury 4 Stowmarket 1, Watton 3 Barking 1, Wisbech 3 Emmsdown 1; Lowestoft 3 Tamworth 2; Brook House 2 Borehamwood 1, Chatteris 2 Cornard 3; Biggleswade 0 Barton 3; Dunstable 2 Collier Row 1; Edgware 3 Feltham and H 0; Clapton 1 Cheshunt 1; Hertford 0 Kempston 1; Hanwell 1 Harefield 2; Ford 1 Haringey B 1; Hornchurch 1 Hoddesdon 1; Northwood 3 Royston 0; Langford 2 Leighton 1, Ruislip M 4 Letchworth 3; Rainham 1 Purfleet 5, Walthamstow Pennant 2 Wingate and F 3; Tilbury 1 Tring 1, Staines 1 Uxbridge 0; Southall 1 Ware 0; Bracknell 3 Bognor Regis 3, Burgess Hill 2 Arundel 0, Bedfont W w/o Beckenham; Horsham YMCA 2 Croydon 2, Eastbourne 5 Egham 1, Croydon 5 Corinthian Casuals 0; Hailsham 1 Epsom and Ewell 4, Faversham 3 Fisher 0; Erith and Belvedere 2 Godalming and G 1; Horsham 1 Herne Bay 3; Merstham 1 Pagham 4, Lewes 3 Littlehampton 1

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BARNSLEY (1) 2 — BIRMINGHAM (0) 3
Redfearn 30 Anderson 77 — Smith 55, 75 Shutt 89; 7,241
CHARLTON (1) 3 — BOLTON (0) 0
Walsh 8 Nelson 53 Garland 60 — 7,573
C PALACE (2) 5 — PORTSMTH (1) 1
Armstrong 18, 68, 83 Gordon 32 Southgate 64 — Neill 6; 14,428
DERBY (0) 1 — BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
Gabbiadini 68 — 15,643
GRIMSBY (0) 0 — TRANMERE (0) 0
4,793
LEICESTER (0) 4 — MILLWALL (0) 0
Agnew 47 Walsh 68, 90 Joachim 78 — 12,219
LUTON (1) 1 — NOTTM F (1) 2
Hartson 22; 9,788 — Black 27 Woan 85
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 — SUNDRLAND (0) 0
Lund 81 — 9,166
OXFORD UTD (2) 2 — WATFORD (1) 3
Robinson 1 Beauchamp 37; 5,159 — Charlery 32 Alsford 67 Porter 89
SOUTHEND (0) 3 — PETERBORO (0) 0
Angell 51, 63 Ansah 62 — 5,075
STOKE (0) 1 — WEST BROM (0) 0
Stein 68 — 17,948
WOLVES (2) 2 — MIDDLSBRO (1) 3
Kelly 5 Thomas 9; 21,061 — Hendrie 3, 73 Pollock 85

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Middlesbro	4	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	10	5	12
2 Charlton	5	3	0	0	7	1	1	0	1	2	5	12
3 Nottm Forest	5	1	1	0	6	4	1	1	1	3	4	8
4 Wolves	4	2	0	1	7	4	0	1	0	2	2	7
5 Southend	3	1	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	4	1	7
6 C Palace	4	2	1	0	7	1	0	0	1	0	2	7
7 Derby	4	2	0	0	6	0	0	1	1	1	4	7
8 Leicester	3	2	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	1	6
9 Tranmere	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	3	5
10 Barnsley	5	0	1	2	4	8	1	0	1	3	4	4
11 Peterborough	4	1	1	0	5	2	0	0	2	1	5	4
12 Portsmouth	5	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	2	4	9	4
13 Birmingham	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	3	3	4
14 West Brom	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	2	4
15 Notts County	3	1	0	1	3	3	0	1	0	1	1	4
16 Stoke	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	1	4
17 Oxford Utd	3	1	0	1	5	5	0	0	1	1	3	3
18 Grimsby	4	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	5	3
19 Sunderland	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	6	3
20 Watford	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
21 Bristol C	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	4	3
22 Luton	3	1	0	1	3	3	0	0	1	0	1	3
23 Millwall	4	0	0	1	1	4	1	0	2	2	7	3
24 Bolton	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	2

Leading scorers: 5 Hendrie (Middlesbro); 4 Moore (Middlesbro), Donovan (West Brom), Stein (Stoke).

FA CUP CONTINUED: Langney 2 Malden Vale 1; Oakwood 1 Met Police 1; Portfield 1 Steyning 0; Redhill 1 Ringmer 2; Ramsgate 1 Selsey 1; Southwick 2 Slade Green 1; Whyteleafe 5 Three Bridges 1; Tooting and Mitcham 7 Tunbridge W 0; Tonbridge 4 Whitehawk 1; Windsor and Eton 1 Wick 4; Cove 2 Walton and Hersham 1; Bournemouth 0 Brockenhurst 1; Shoreham 0 Buckingham 2; Fareham 1 Eastleigh 1; Newbury 6 Lancing 1; Gosport B 0 Hungerford 3; Peacehaven and T 2 Fleet 1; Oxford C 0 Newport IOW 7, Totton 1 Ryde 1; Poole 5 Swanage and H 0; Thame w/o Petersfield; Wimborne 5 Westbury 0; Barnstaple 4 Exmouth 0; Bridport 4 Bristol MF 0; Bideford 2 Chippenham 2; Elmore 2 Devizes 1; Melksham 1 Falmouth 0; Frome 3 Glastonbury 3; Odd Down 1 Ilfracombe 1; Moreton 2 Minehead 0; Torrington 1 Yate 4; Shortwood 3 St Blazey 2; Dawlish 0 Taunton 12; Weston-S-Mare 6 Welton 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE. First division. Charlton 2 Arsenal 5; Chelsea 4 Watford 1; Gillingham 4 L Orient 2; Millwall 3 Norwich 2; Portsmouth 3 Camb U 0; Southend 0 Ipswich 3; Tottenham 2 QPR 5; West Ham 5 Fulham 0.

Second division

BARNET (0) 0 — SWANSEA (0) 1
1,996 — Bowen 78
BRADFORD (3) 6 — EXETER (0) 0
McCarthy 4, 40 Reid 25, 57 Jewell 60, 77 — 5,866
BRENTFORD (1) 1 — READING (0) 0
Allon 31 — 6,848
BRISTOL R (1) 2 — FULHAM (0) 1
Taylor 11, 50; 5,261 — Hails 66
BURNLEY (2) 4 — LEYTON ORIENT (1) 1
Eyres 25 Deary 37 Farrell 55 Heath 90 — West 30; 10,133
CAMB UTD (2) 3 — HULL (2) 4
Dalsh 18, 43 Butler 67 (pen); 3,861 — Windass 7, 20, 59 (pen) Brown 86
CARDIFF (1) 2 — BRIGHTON (0) 2
Blake 12 Cornwell 90; 7,687 — Nogan 49 Munday 81
HARTLPOOL (0) 1 — BOURNEMTH (0) 1
Honour 59; 2,482 — Parkinson 46
HUDDERSFELD (0) 1 — STOCKPORT (1) 1
Onuora 71; 7,053 — Preece 34
PLYMOUTH (0) 2 — PORT VALE (0) 0
Marshall 51 Castle 57 — 6,072
WREXHAM (1) 2 — BLACKPOOL (2) 3
Watkin 12 Bennett 70; 4,957 — Sheedy 18 Bonner 28 Beech 59
YORK (0) 0 — ROTHERHAM (0) 0
4,674

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Bradford	3	2	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	1	1	7
2 Hull	3	0	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	6	4	7
3 Cardiff	3	1	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	3	1	7
4 Stockport	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	4	3	7
5 Brentford	3	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	7
6 York	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	7
7 Burnley	3	2	0	0	6	2	0	0	1	1	2	6
8 Reading	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	3	1	6
9 Swansea	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	2	2	6
10 Bournemouth	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	5
11 Plymouth	3	1	0	1	4	3	0	1	0	2	2	4
12 Blackpool	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	5	5	4
13 Huddersfield	3	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	1	1	4
14 Port Vale	3	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	1	4	3
15 Cambridge U	3	1	0	1	6	6	0	0	1	1	3	3
16 Fulham	3	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	2	2	3
17 Bristol Rov	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	3
18 Leyton Orient	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	6	3
19 Rotherham	3	0	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	3	3	2
20 Brighton	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	4	2
21 Hartlepool	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	2
22 Wrexham	3	0	1	1	5	6	0	0	1	1	3	1
23 Exeter	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	8	0
24 Barnet	3	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	6	0

Leading scorers: 8 McCarthy (Bradford); 6 Jewell (Bradford); 5 Windass (Hull); 4 Blake (Cardiff), Preece + Francis (Stockport), Bennett (Wrexham), Reid (Bradford), Slaven (Port Vale), Eyres (Burnley).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE. Second division. Bristol R 1 Bristol C 2; Colchester 1 Brentford 1, C Palace 1 Brighton 3; Reading 2 Luton 1, Southampton 0 Bournemouth 1; Swindon 1 Oxford 1; Wimbledon 1 Tottenham 3.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Briton F 2 Aberystwyth 2; Flint 0 Caersws 0; Llanelli 0 Haverfordwest 2; Llansantffraid 2 Holywell 0; Newtown 5 Porthmadog 2; Ton Pentre 1 Ebbw Vale 1.

Third division

BURY (0) 1 — CREWE (0) 0
Rigby 89 — 2,708
CARLISLE (0) 0 — ROCHDALE (1) 1
5,438 — Reeves 6
CHESTER (0) 3 — CHESTRFLD (1) 1
Lightfoot 49 Rimmer 54 Thompson 81 — S Norris 43; 2,283
COLCHESTR (2) 3 — NORTHMPTN (2) 2
Grainger 34 (pen) English 41 Kinsella 71 — Brown 5 Gilzean 36; 2,874
DARLINGTN (1) 1 — TORQUAY (1) 2
Ball 11; 1,738 — Darby 27 Hodges 69
GILLINGHAM (1) 2 — SCARBORO (1) 2
Baker 7 Forster 74; 2,526 — Henderson 21 Young 65
HEREFORD (0) 1 — LINCOLN (1) 2
Pickard 89; 1,900 — Baraclough 13 Johnson 87
MANSFIELD (0) 0 — SCUNTHRPE (1) 1
2,751 — Toman 31
PRESTON (5) 6 — SHRWSBURY (0) 1
Ainsworth 9, 53 Conroy 16, 24, 26 Nebbeling 21 — Brown 58; 4,941
WALSALL (0) 1 — DONCASTER (1) 2
R McDonald 69; 2,965 — Bottomley 39 Moss 90
WIGAN (1) 1 — WYCOMBE (1) 1
Rennie 7; 2,388 — Guppy 35

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Rochdale	3	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	2	1	7
2 Torquay	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	4	2	7
3 Scunthorpe	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	3	0	7
4 Doncaster	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	7
5 Preston	3	1	0	1	6	3	1	0	0	4	3	6
6 Chesterfield	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	3	3	6
7 Colchester	3	2	0	0	4	2	0	0	1	1	2	6
8 Crewe	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	2	1	6
9 Wycombe	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	3	5
10 Bury	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	5
11 Scarborough	3	0	0	1	3	4	1	1	0	3	2	4
12 Lincoln	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	4
13 Walsall	3	0	0	2	2	4	1	0	0	2	1	3
14 Chester	3	1	0	1	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	3
15 Mansfield	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
16 Darlington	3	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1	2
17 Carlisle	3	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	2
18 Wigan	3	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	2
19 Northampton	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	1
20 Gillingham	3	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	1	0	3	1
21 Hereford	3	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	1	3	0
22 Shrewsbury	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

Leading scorers: 4 Ainsworth (Preston), Norris (Chesterfield).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford 3 Dorchester 0; Farnborough 3 Worcester 1; Gloucester 3 Solihull 1, Gresley 1 Crawley 1; Halesowen 2 Corby 0; Hastings 3 Burton 2; Hednesford 6 Bashley 0; Moor Green 0 Sittingbourne 1; Nuneaton 2 Cheltenham 1; Trowbridge 0 Cambridge C 0; Waterlooville 0 Atherstone 3. Midland division: Bedworth 4 Forest Gn 1; Clevedon 0 S Coldfield 1: Grantham 0 Newport AFC 2. Southern division: Ashford 4 Burnham 0; Gravesend 1 Witney 0; Havant 1 Braintree 2; Salisbury 1 Canterbury 1; Wealdstone 1 Margate 3; Weymouth 2 Baldock 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Crediton 3 Calne 3, Paulton 1 Saltash 2; Liskeard 0 Mangotsfield 1.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Harwich 2 Newmarket 1: Soham 1 Diss 2; Sudbury 2 Norwich 2.

GM Vauxhall Conference

ALTRINCHAM (0) 0 — BATH (1) 2
706 — Adcock 26 Cousins 89
GATESHEAD (0) 0 — TELFORD (1) 2
478 — Mitchell 43 Taylor 85
KETTERING (0) 0 — NORTHWICH (0) 0
1,767
KIDDERMNSTER (0) 1 — WELLING (0) 0
Grainger 87 — 918
MACCLSFLD (0) 0 — DOVER (1) 2
836 — Browne 16, 59
SLOUGH (1) 2 — HALIFAX (0) 0
Hazel 21 (pen) Scott 80 — 1,170
SOUTHPORT (0) 1 — BROMSGROVE (0) 2
Withers 83; 1,238 — Crisp 71 Carter 80
STAFFORD (1) 2 — DAGENHAM R (0) 0
Metlloul 31, 46 — 884
WITTON (0) 2 — MERTHYR (1) 2
Cunningham 46 Maynard 62; 751 — Williams 14 (pen) Tucker 65
WOKING (0) 1 — RUNCORN (0) 1
Brown 83; 1,520 — Thomas 50
YEOVIL (0) 0 — STALYBRIDGE (0) 0
3,102

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Slough	3	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	9
2 Bath	3	1	0	0	5	1	1	1	0	3	1	7
3 Yeovil	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	7
4 Stafford	3	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	1	2	6
5 Dover	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	2	1	6
6 Welling	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	2	1	6
7 Kettering	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	5
8 Runcorn	3	1	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	3	3	5
9 Witton	3	1	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	2	2	5
10 Telford	3	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	4	3	4
11 Merthyr	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	3
12 Bromsgrove	3	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
13 Kidderminster	3	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	3	3
14 Macclesfield	3	1	0	1	4	5	0	0	1	1	5	3
15 Southport	3	0	1	1	3	4	0	1	0	3	3	2
16 Stalybridge	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2
17 Halifax	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	2
18 Northwich	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	2
19 Woking	3	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	2
20 Altrincham	3	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2
21 Dagenham R	3	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	2	1	4	1
22 Gateshead	3	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	1	0	1	1

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 0 Matlock 2; Barrow 1 Emley 2; Boston 4 Knowsley 1; Bridlington 4 Hyde 0; Buxton 4 Horwich 4; Chorley 1 Gainsborough 1; Colwyn Bay 6 Bishop Auckland 0; Droylsden 2 Marine 0; Frickley 1 Leek 3; Morecambe 1 Winsford 0; Whitley Bay 4 Fleetwood 3. First division: Ashton 4 Goole 2; Spennymoor 1 Netherfield 3; Worksop 3 Curzon Ashton 1.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle 3 Kidsgrove 1, Darwen 1 Nantwich 3.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Liversedge 2 Pontefract Col 1.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 2 Dorking 1; Chesham 2 Grays 1; Enfield 2 Harrow 0; Hayes 2 Hitchin 2; Hendon 2 Dulwich 1; Kingstonian 0 St Albans 1; Marlow 2 Basingstoke 0; Molesey 0 Sutton Utd 0; Stevenage Borough 4 Yeading 1; Wivenhoe 0 Carshalton 8; Wokingham 0 Aylesbury 3. First division: Berkhamsted 2 Worthing 0; Chalfont St P 0 Leyton 6, Wembley 0 Maidenhead 2. Second division: Aveley 1 Thame 5, Witham 4 Hampton 1. Third division: Kingsbury 0 Harlow 0

Scottish League

Premier Division

ABERDEEN (0) 0 — ST JOHNSTNE (0) 0
12,000
DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 — HEARTS (0) 0
8,502
HIBERNIAN (1) 2 — DUNDEE (0) 0
Beaumont 6 McAllister 78 — 5,941
MOTHERWLL (2) 4 — RAITH (0) 1
Sinclair (og) 19 McKinnon 44 (pen) McGrillen 52 Kirk 89 — Coyle 86; 5,644
PARTICK (0) 0 — CELTIC (0) 1
14,733 — McNally 61
RANGERS (0) 1 — KILMARNCK (0) 2
Pressley 73; 44,243 — Roberts 62 Williamson 90

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Motherwell	4	1	1	0	6	3	2	0	0	3	1	7
2 Rangers	4	1	0	1	3	3	1	1	0	2	1	5
3 Celtic	4	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	2	5
4 Dundee Utd	4	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	2	5
5 Aberdeen	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	5
6 Hearts	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	5
7 Hibernian	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	4
8 Kilmarnock	4	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	4
9 St Johnstone	4	0	1	1	2	3	0	2	0	1	1	3
10 Partick	4	0	0	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	2	2
11 Raith	4	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	2	1	5	2
12 Dundee	4	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	2	0	3	1

Leading scorers: 5 McGrillen (Motherwell), McAvennie (Celtic), Shearer (Aberdeen). 4 Arnott (Motherwell), Cameron + Craig (Partick).

TNT GOLD CUP: Sectional Matches: Distillery 3 Coleraine 0; Newry 1 Linfield 3; Omagh 0 Crusaders 3.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Preliminary Round: Rhydymwyn 1 Locomotive Llanberis 0; Morda 3 New Broughton 1; British Aerospace 1 Chirk AAA 0; Penycae 3 Llay R B L 0; Pontardawe 2 Seven Sisters 1 (at Seven Sisters); Skewen 5 Milford 0; B P Llandarcy 4 S Wales Constabulary 0. Goytre 5 Porth Tywyn 2; Newcastle Emlyn 1 Pontyclun 4; Chepstow 3 Cardiff Corinthians 4; Tonyrefail Welfare 2 Abercynon 3; Treowen Stars 3 Tredomen 0; Fields Park/ Pontllanfraith 2 Pontlottyn B F 4; Newport YMCA 2 Trelewis Welfare 1.

EUROPE: FRANCE. Cannes 1 Sochaux 1, Saint-Etienne 0 Bordeaux 0; Auxerre 3 Lyon 2, Nantes 0 Montpellier 0; Martigues 1 Metz 1; Paris St-Germain 2 Caen 0, Le Havre 0 Strasbourg 1, Lens 0 Angers 1, Toulouse 1 Lille 1; Monaco 0 Marseille 0.

GERMANY. D Dresden 1 Wattenscheid 1: Nuremberg 1 E Frankfurt 5. B Leverkusen 2 B Dortmund 1, Kaiserslautern 2 W Bremen 3; B Leverkusen 2 B Dortmund 1. Schalke 1 Cologne 2; Freiburg 0 Hamburg 1, Karlsruhe 1 B Moenchengladbach 0; Leipzig 1 Duisburg 1.

ITALY: Atalanta 5 Cagliari 2; Genoa 2 Roma 0; Internazionale 2 Reggiana 1; Juventus 1 Cremonese 0; Lecce 0 AC Milan 1, Napoli 1 Sampdoria 2; Piacenza 0 Torino 3; Udinese 0 Parma 1.

HOLLAND: Twente Enschede 0 NAC Breda 1; Cambuur Leeuwarden 0 Groningen 2; Roda JC Kerkrade 2 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1, Utrecht 0 Heerenveen 1; PSV Eindhoven 2 Willem II Tilburg 1: Vitesse Arnhem 0 Ajax Amsterdam 1, Sp Rotterdam 2 MVV Maastricht 2, VVV Venlo 2 FC Volendam 0

PORTUGAL. Braga 0 Guimaraes 0, Maritimo 1 Porto 0.

First division

AYR (0) 0 — DUMBARTON (0) 1
1,675 — Mooney 46
CLYDEBANK (1) 2 — CLYDE (0) 1
Treanor 15 Eadie 78; 1,316 — McGill 75
DUNFRMLNE (2) 3 — AIRDRIE (1) 2
Preston 13 French 18 O'Boyle 88 — Kirkwood 20 (pen), 89; 3,970
HAMILTON (0) 1 — FALKIRK (0) 1
McLean 86; 3,291 — Shaw 51
MORTON (1) 2 — BRECHIN (0) 1
Lilley 24, 50; 1,400 — Miller 86
STIRLING (1) 1 — ST MIRREN (0) 0
Flynn 45 — 1,682

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Clydebank	4	2	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	5	2	8
2 Falkirk	4	2	0	0	5	2	1	1	0	6	2	7
3 Airdrie	4	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	3	3	6
4 Dumbarton	4	1	0	1	5	4	1	0	1	1	2	4
5 Stirling	4	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	4	4
6 Ayr	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	4
7 Hamilton	4	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	5	4
8 Morton	4	1	0	1	3	6	0	1	1	3	4	3
9 Brechin	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	3	2
10 St Mirren	4	0	1	1	2	3	0	1	1	0	1	2
11 Dunfermline	4	1	0	1	3	4	0	0	2	2	4	2
12 Clyde	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	5	2

Leading scorers: 4 Davenport + Kirkwood (Airdrie), Duffy (Falkirk).

Second division

BERWICK (1) 2 — ARBROATH (0) 0
Irvine 29 Kane 68 (pen) — 492
EAST FIFE (3) 4 — ALLOA (1) 1
Reilly 5 Scott 25, 65 Beaton 43 — Gibson 36; 1,133
EAST STIRLING (0) 0 — MEADWBNK (0) 1
324 — Duffin 85
FORFAR (0) 1 — QUEEN OF STH (0) 2
Donaldson 90; 575 — Mallen 59, 89
QUEEN'S PARK (2) 2 — MONTROSE (0) 1
Orr 20 Caven 45; 478 — Craib 56
STENHSEMUIR (0) 1 — COWDNBTH (1) 1
Mathieson 53; 400 — Henderson 25
STRANRAER (1) 2 — ALBION (1) 1
Grant 23 Diver 70; 580 — Kerrigan 33

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 East Fife	4	2	0	0	7	1	2	0	0	3	1	8
2 Queen Of Sth	4	1	0	1	5	3	2	0	0	7	3	6
3 Stranraer	4	1	0	1	4	5	2	0	0	4	1	6
4 Forfar	4	1	0	1	4	2	1	1	0	4	1	5
5 Montrose	4	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	5	4	5
6 Meadowbank	4	0	1	1	2	4	2	0	0	3	1	5
7 Berwick	4	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	3	3
8 Cowdenbeath	4	0	0	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	1	3
9 Alloa	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	4	3
10 E Stirling	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	3	3
11 Stenhsemuir	4	1	1	0	4	2	0	0	2	0	5	3
12 Albion	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	5	2
13 Arbroath	4	0	1	1	3	6	0	1	1	0	2	2
14 Queen's Park	4	1	0	1	2	4	0	0	2	2	7	2

Leading scorers: 5 Henderson (Cowdenbeath), Scott (East Fife); 4 Grant (Montrose), Mathieson (Stenhousemuir), Kerrigan (Albion), Diver + Henderson (Stranraer).

BELGIUM. Ghent 0 Seraing 0: Cercle Bruges 3 RC Liege 3; Antwerp 2 Waregem 0; SC Charleroi 0 Club Bruges 1; Standard Liege 0 Beveren 0; Lierse 0 Mechelen 0, Lommel 3 RWD Molenbeek 1, Anderlecht 6 Genk 2; Ostend 2 Ekeren 2

POLAND. P Szczecin 1 G Zabrze 2; Siarka Tarnobrzeg 3 LKS Lodz 1; Lech Poznan 1 Warta Poznan 0, Widzew Lodz 2 Zawisza Bydgoszcz 3; Stal Mielec 2 Stal Stalowa Wola 0, Ruch Chorzow 0 GKS Katowice 1.

POOLS CLAIMS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	3	1½	2	3	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	3	3

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½

FORECAST: Telephone claims are required for 23 and 23½ points. The dividend forecast is very good with seven jackpot draws and two high score draws.

Langer ends doubts over putting with easy victory

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN DÜSSELDORF

WHEN Bernhard Langer three-putted from four feet on one green and four-putted on another green in the third round of the German Open, questions were raised. Was his putting on the blink again? Was he starting another bout of the yips?

The answer was forthcoming in the fourth round at the Hubbelrath golf club near here yesterday. On home soil, Langer, putting better than he normally does and, thankfully, much better than on Saturday, won comfortably. He widened the two-stroke lead he had held overnight to triumph by five strokes. It was for a record-equalling fifth time. Only Percy Alliss, the father of Peter, had achieved this before.

After 17 seasons as a professional, Langer is getting the hang of golf, especially of winning. He has won at least one tournament in each of the past 15 seasons. He won the US Masters by four strokes at Augusta in April and the PGA by six strokes at Wentworth in May. He is so determined, so relentless, so utterly without side, you have to take your hat off to him.

No praise is too high for Peter Baker, who shared second place with Robert Allenby, on 14 under par, after a last round of 69. Baker, 25, had the Ryder Cup issue on his mind all week and despite it played calmly. He was impressive in the way he withstood the pressure when he won the British Masters with a last-round of 63. He was impressive, too, for 17 holes of the concluding round of the Scandinavian Masters, when he was faced with a challenge from Anders Forsbrand.

Second place here guaranteed him a position in the Ryder Cup team. "He's won his way in," Bernard Gallacher, the team captain, said. "He's done very well." Langer was impressed with the young Englishman too. "I think he has one of the best swings on tour right now," Langer said. "He hits the ball long and straight and he is a good putter."

Baker's high finish was instrumental in ending the doubts of Sam Torrance about whether or not he would retain his place in the top nine in the Ryder Cup table and thus gain a place automatically in the team. The injured Torrance telephoned the course every hour yesterday afternoon, learning he was safe at 2.15pm and cracking a bottle of champagne to celebrate.

On a sunny afternoon, the other players who held an interest in the Ryder Cup places came and went. Sandy Lyle finished with a 69, his third of the tournament, to be ten under par. It was close, but not close enough. "There are too many players playing well," he said. "It's game, set and match."

David Feherty, like Lyle, did well but not well enough to snatch a top-nine place and thus automatic selection for Gallacher's team. He had a 71 for a 12-under par total and shared sixth place with Joakim Haeggman.

Feherty called a one-stroke penalty on himself when his ball moved as he addressed it on the 16th green and Ronan Rafferty finished with a 69 for a 72-hole total of 280, eight under par.

LEADERBOARD

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269: B Langer (Ger), 65, 66, 70, 68. 274: R Allenby (Aus), 71, 70, 66, 69; P Baker, 68, 68, 71, 69. 275: D Clarke, 69, 70, 71, 65; C Montgomerie, 68, 71, 70, 66. 276: J Haeggman (Swe), 69, 67, 72, 68; D Feherty, 67, 69, 69, 71. 277: D Gilford, 69, 74, 65, 69; P O'Malley (Aus), 68, 68, 71, 70; J Rystrom (Swe), 65, 72, 70, 70; G Orr, 67, 70, 70, 70. 278: F Nobilo (NZ), 69, 70, 71, 68; C Karlsson (Swed), 71, 71, 69, 67; A Lyle, 69, 69, 71, 69; B Lane, 71, 67, 69, 71; C Rocca (It), 69, 70, 69, 71. 279: D Smyth, 70, 71, 70, 68; E Romero (Arg), 67, 71, 70, 71; H Clark, 71, 68, 69, 71. 280: R Rafferty, 67, 70, 74, 69; W Grady (Aus), 70, 67, 73, 70; S Ballesteros (Sp), 72, 69, 68, 71; A Bossert (Switz), 66, 69, 72, 73; R Goosen (SA), 66, 73, 67, 74.

Whitaker claims third Derby in a row

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

MICHAEL Whitaker and Everest Monsanta won the Silk Cut Derby at Hickstead yesterday for the third time in succession after completing only the fourth double clear round in the Derby's 31-year history.

Amid scenes of unrestrained joy, Whitaker and the brilliant Irish-bred Monsanta, 19, owned by Lady Harris, completed the only clear round in the three-horse jump-off with Herve Godignon, of France, on Prince D'Incoville, and Chris Chadwick, of Australia, on Mr Midnight.

The superb performance earned the Nottinghamshire-based Whitaker £40,000, a figure that included an extra £5,000 bonus from the sponsors for his double-clear round. Whitaker, who first won the Derby in 1980 at the age of 20, is the only rider to win the bonus since it was introduced in 1987.

However, Whitaker, who won £90,000 with Monsanta in the Calgary grand prix in 1988, shrugged off the money. "I was just pleased for the horse — not for me — he was jumping brilliantly. We'll definitely be back next year if he goes on like that." His aim is to equal the record of Eddie Macken and Boomerang, the only partnership to win the Derby in four successive years.

The excellent conditions yesterday indicated that this might be a vintage Derby. It started inauspiciously, however, with six out of the first eight riders retiring on the tough 16-fence course.

It was Chadwick, a 22-year-old Australian from Sydney, making his debut in the event, who first brought the record 13,000 crowd to its feet. His inspiring clear round — only the 32nd in the history of the event — was greeted as if it were the winning one.

John Whitaker and Everest Gammon, one of the favourites, narrowly failed to become the 33rd when they faulted at the first part of the notorious Devil's Dyke, one of the most influential fences on the course. More surprisingly, Nick Skelton, a three-time winner of the event, went out of contention with 31½ faults on Everest Limited Edition.

Godignon then ensured a jump-off with a polished clear round on Prince D'Incoville. He was swiftly joined by Whitaker. In the jump-off, Chadwick had the disadvantage of going first. He flew through the Devil's Dyke, but the brave gamble failed to pay when they hit the back pole at the penultimate fence.

Godignon was even faster, but hit the gate, the third fence. With the crowd almost at fever pitch, Whitaker then came into the ring. He had the choice either to opt for a slow clear round or to race against the clock. He chose the former. Before he had even landed safely over the last, the crowd was acclaiming him.

RESULT: The Silk Cut Derby: 1, Everest Monsanta (M Whitaker, GB), 0/0 in 102.18sec; 2, Prince D'Incoville (H Godignon, Fr), 0/4 in 89.42s; 3, Mr Midnight (C Chadwick, Aus), 0/4 in 90.08.

TONY WHITE



Peter Charles on Impulse in the final of the Silk Cut Derby at Hickstead yesterday

SPORT IN BRIEF

Gowshall becomes youngest champion

THE success of Amy Gowshall, a 14-year-old schoolgirl from Grimsby, dominated the closing stages of the English Bowling Federation national championships at Skegness on Saturday.

The teenage prodigy not only partnered her mother, Christine Gowshall, to the women's pairs title, she skipped the pair with a surprisingly mature tactical grasp, steering Park Avenue to a 23-11 win over June Wilson and Penny Strong, from Lincoln Railway, in the final to become the youngest national bowls champion.

Humberside also took the women's under-25 singles title, thanks to Debbie Turner, of Brigg Town, who has featured in six consecutive finals. The county also won the Donald Steward women's team title, for the first time, and the men's A team title, but lost the men's Adams Trophy final.

Ermolenko takes title

SPEEDWAY: Sam Ermolenko, 32, from Maywood, California, became the first American since Bruce Penhall 11 years ago to win the world title when he headed the field at Pocking in Germany in the last final that will be held as a one-off event. The American won four races before trailing in last in heat 20 but his return of 12 points was enough to give him the title.

Hans Nielsen won a ride-off for second place against Chris Louis, the young rider from Ipswich, after each had finished on 11 points as the big 396-metre circuit provided thrilling racing for a 25,000 crowd.

Sevens triumph repeat

RUGBY UNION: Northampton, one of three English clubs at the CIS Selkirk sevens on Saturday, repeated their victory in 1991 by defeating Gala, the most consistent of the Scottish clubs in the past two seasons, in the final at Philiphaugh. Waterloo reached the semi-final, but Bedford went out in the second round. Neil Jenkins, the Wales stand-off half, took his points tally to a record 60 in the Worthington Welsh sevens, but still finished on the losing side in the final. His Pontypridd side lost 24-14 to South Wales Police, who recorded their first victory in the tournament in their second final.

First for Australia

HOCKEY: Australia became the first side to defend successfully the women's Champions' Trophy, beating Holland 4-2 in a shootout after finishing 1-1 at normal time in the final in Amsterdam yesterday. Britain finished sixth after losing 1-0 to Spain in the play-offs. England men's team lost 5-2 to Australia in an international in Reading. England, who were better organised than they have been for some time, had no leading players other than Potter and Garcia to stamp their authority on the game. Thompson and Hill scored for England and Elmer (2), Stacy (2) and Lewis for Australia.

Initiative rewarded

CYCLING: Lance Armstrong, an American first-year professional, made an audacious lone attack six miles from the finish to win the world professional road race championship in Oslo yesterday. Rain teemed down throughout the six hours, making the road surface glacial and causing more than 40 of the 171 starters to crash, Armstrong included. Sean Way, Tony Doyle and John Tanner were Britain's three finishers from among the 66 who completed the course, 18min 54sec behind in sixtieth, 64th and 65th positions.

Electronic system flops at its dress rehearsal

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN NEW YORK

THE United States Tennis Association (USTA) has come to its senses just in time. Less than 72 hours before the start of the US Open, the organisers recognised they were about to turn the showpieces of the world's most lucrative tournament into a series of embarrassments.

They were going to do so at Flushing Meadow today with the Tennis Electronic Line (TEL), a series of wires buried beneath each of the four features courts. Unlike Cyclops, the blinkered radar device that gauges the legitimacy of serves at Wimbledon, the TEL keeps an eye on every line on the court. Designed in Australia and costing $75,000 to install, it is alleged to be accurate to within a millimetre.

According to Jay Snyder, the USTA director of officials, the technology involved is similar to that used to guide missiles. In that case, the collateral damage witnessed here last week was on a startlingly wide scale.

In spite of the supposed sophistication of the equipment and in spite of two years of 'intense' testing, a claim rendered risible in the circumstances, so many flaws were exposed during the qualifying competition that the organisers had no choice but to reverse their original decision. The US Open is to be judged entirely by the human eye.

"We encountered the normal start-up problems," Steve DeVoe, the tournament director, said, "and we also had problems we had not seen before." Apart from consistent malfunctions that prompted umpires to switch the system off in more than half of the matches on Wednesday and Thursday, the TEL apparently became confused. Instead of paying attention specifically to the ball, it reacted also to ankle bracelets and to a particular brand of footwear. The metal eyelets in the K-Swiss shoe provoked from the TEL the same reaction as from a televised victim of Jeremy Beadle's irritating pranks — a serious of bleeps.



Agassi: fervour

The players already have to contend with enough distractions. As well as the roar of aeroplanes regularly flying in and out of the nearby La Guardia airport and the noise of spectators renowned for their lack of courtesy, there is the combination of searing heat and debilitating humidity.

Boris Becker, during practice in the grandstand court last week, changed his shoes for reasons that were explained by Jeremy Bates, a member of the British contingent that failed to qualify. He perspired so freely that he left a trail of sodden footprints behind him on the court. A mighty thunderstorm on Saturday evening temporarily cleared the sultry air, but the barometer is expected to climb back up above 90°F during the week.

Gabriela Sabatini and Stefan Edberg are among those who have suffered the consequences of playing in such gruelling conditions. Sabatini, competing against Arantxa Sánchez Vicario in the final of an event in Washington on Saturday, complained of dizziness and nausea during the second set and had to retire.

On the same day, a dehydrated Edberg won only three games against Michael Chang in their semi-final at Comack. "I was dying out there," he said.

Edberg will have to endure further physical hardship if he is to win the title for the third successive year, or, in the ugly vernacular here, 'threepeat". The feat has previously been achieved only by John McEnroe and Ivan Lendl and the draw does not favour the third seed from Sweden.

He is scheduled to meet Michael Stich in the last eight and, unless Becker rediscovers form that has been missing for a couple of years, they pose the greatest threat to a wave of patriotic American fervour. It promises to be ridden by Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras, whose paths may cross in the quarter-final, Chang and Jim Courier.

Another American could rise to prominence. Since reaching the last eight at Wimbledon, Todd Martin has won a tournament in Montreal and accelarated from No 87 to No 17 in the world rankings. Courier and Sampras are seeded to reach the final, where they would also compete for the right to be the No 1.

Nobody can find a convincing case to put against Steffi Graf. In the enforced absence of the injured Monica Seles, she has won every event she has entered since the middle of May. The Americans will have to rely either on Martina Navratilova or, more probably, on someone more than half her age, Jennifer Capriatti.

Men

1, J Courier (S); 2, P Sampras (US); 3, S Edberg (Swe); 4, B Becker (Ger); 5, S Bruguera (Sp); 6, M Stich (Ger); 7, M Chang (US); 8, A Medvegev (Ukr); 9, P Korda (Cz Rep); 10, R Krajicek (Holl); 11, G Ivanisevic (Croatia); 12, T Muster (Austria); 13, I Lendl (US); 14, A Volkov (Russ); 15, C Pioline (Fr); 16, Agassi (US).

Women

1, S Graf (Ger); 2, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); 3, M Navratilova (US); 4, C Martinez (Sp); 5, G Sabatini (Arg); 6, M-J Fernandez (US); 7, J Capriati (US); 8, J Novotna (Cz Rep); 9, A Huber (Ger); 10, M Maleeva (Bul); 11, M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz); 12, H Sukova (Cz); 13, M Pierce (Fr); 14, N Tauziat (Fr); 15, A Coetzer (SA); 16, Z Garrison-Jackson (US).

Britain fail in attempt to finish off Poland

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

GREAT Britain had to be content with a 2-2 draw with Poland in their first game of the Olympic Games ice hockey qualifying tournament at Sheffield Arena on Saturday.

The Poles, capitalising on their second five-to-three manpower advantage, scored the only goal of a scrappy first period, Tkacz tipping in a long shot by Zamojski. Britain conceded too many penalties in the first period, an indication of lack of condition or match practice after an early start to the season.

The second period was played almost entirely in the Polish end of the rink, but a number of outstanding saves by Jaworski denied the British forwards.

In the third minute of the final period, Kevin Conway finally found a way past Jaworski, sinking his own rebound, but Tomasik restored Poland's lead with 7½ minutes remaining with the Britain defence all at sea. A minute later, Britain gained their sixth power-play and Tony Hand set up Patrick Scott, who marked his international debut by scoring from close range.

In the closing stages, there were more British than Polish chances, but Jaworski, rightly named Poland's man of the match, stood firm. For the Britain coach, Alex Dampier, it was a point gained rather than a point lost.

"I am happy with the result," he said. "They were hoping to catch us cold, but we were ready for them. This was our first game for 4½ months and Poland are a very good side. It was always going to be a tough opener. I think after such a long time without a match the legs aren't there and the heads aren't there. But we had our chances in the second period."

Britain's second game is against Japan this evening and Dampier is under no illusions: "They are very fast and they could cause us some trouble on this big surface," he said.

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ROCK CONCERT

Nice lumière, what a shame about the son

Jean Michel Jarre
Wembley Stadium

Go to a bank and ask for an overdraft of £500 and you may have difficulties. But act confidently enough and ask for £50,000, and there will be no quibbles. We have all heard something of the sort. But not until you have been to a Jean Michel Jarre happening have you truly experienced the "think big" theory in action.

"Concert" seems too confining a word to describe the colossal son et lumière shows which Jarre goes in for. His use of city skylines — including those of Houston, Paris and London's Docklands — as backdrops for his lavish lighting, laser and firework displays has attracted audiences of millions, and elevated the playing of some slender instrumental themes to an implausibly grandiose status.

At Wembley a miniature skyline was artificially created by an imposing series of different-size oblong screens, the highest about 24 metres, on to which were projected a barrage of slides and laser-generated images. With the bulk of the performance being devoted to Jarre's current album, *Chronologie*, the visuals were vaguely organised around the theme of time and the cyclical nature of life.

As the show began, a huge slogan was flashed up: "What Came First? The Chicken Or The Egg?", accompanied by a picture of a chicken and an egg. While the audience wrestled with this conundrum, Jarre generated a magisterial sequence of synthesizer chords which boomed round the stadium, heralding the arrival of a 100-piece choir. All in white, the singers filed on, each carrying a flaming torch, and for a moment it looked more like a medieval pageant than a rock concert.

The slide show soon got going in earnest. While Jarre and his seven-piece band cranked out the simplistic themes, various montages unfurled with a similarly untaxing predictability. There were dinosaurs roaming their way towards extinction, ticking clocks, rotating machine cogs, a man wearily pushing a huge revolving handle, squiggling tadpoles giving way to images of human sexuality, and so on. Every so often a spectacular volley of fireworks either cascaded beautifully on to the stage or else rocketed up into the sky.

Jarre has lately taken to boasting about the influence his work has exerted on the ambient, dance-trance music so beloved of the rave generation. If true, you would think he would be anxious to keep quiet about it, but, in any event, the sound of this show resembled Emerson Lake and Palmer or Mike Oldfield more than the Orb or Sven Vath.

As it moved into its second hour, Jarre abandoned *Chronologie* and its associated visual themes in favour of his older material, including "Oxygene Part IV" and "Fourth Rendez-Vous". But, if anything, the cyclical nature of the music and the increasingly slow march of time was even more keenly felt.

The mix was spiced with an element of déjà vu during an encore which reprised earlier images but left us none the wiser as regards the chicken and egg. A final fusillade of fireworks rounded off an extravagant but vacuous folly.

DAVID SINCLAIR

JULIAN HERBERT



Jean Michel Jarre: He created his own illuminated skyline at a Wembley Stadium show on Saturday night

Variety with a pinch of salt

MICHAEL POWELL



Cromer Pier, Norfolk: About 90 years old, the pier was rebuilt after being demolished during the second world war, and the theatre is still packing in the crowds each summer

I say, I say, I say, says **Richard Morrison**. Have you heard the one about the end-of-the-pier show that hasn't ended yet?

A few yards below us, the North Sea roars. Which is disconcerting, since we are supposed to be at the theatre. We are sitting on rickety iron girders and thin wooden planks, put up 90 years ago. A wind from Siberia howls outside. That is disconcerting, too, because this structure has been wrecked by gales more than once. It was also demolished by the Royal Engineers, to keep the Hun at bay — but that's another story. How Hitler's invasion plans were thwarted by blowing up Cromer Pier must remain a mystery.

The packed Pavilion Theatre is hushed; the lights go down. Or is the power supply on the blink? Up in Norfolk they call Cromer's *Seaside Special* "the last authentic end-of-the-pier show". Five minutes later, we understand why.

"The seaside in August is really a riot;
It isn't that easy to find peace and quiet.
But I've just found a piece, now I hope she keeps quiet!
It's all going on here tonight!"

Authentic is the word. Where did that gag come from? An episode of *Beyond Our Ken*, circa 1962, I think. But that doesn't matter. Age shall not weary the classic English music-hall joke, nor the years condemn. In fact, the age of the jokes only intensifies the rapport between players and audience. To go to a seaside show and find yourself bombarded with jokes *you don't recognise* — why, that would be as nasty a shock as paddling on Cromer beach and finding the sea warm.

"The sun has got his hat on; hip-hip-hip-hip-hooray." The dozen people on stage are dressed in white Pierrot costumes and doing a routine that requires them to slap their knees and grin like maniacs. "Our theme tonight," says the principal funny-man, "is holidays at home." The orchestra strikes up "Flash, Bang, Wallop, What a Picture", and swells to a glorious fortissimo. No mean feat, considering that the orchestra comprises Roger on keyboards and Andy on drums.

Until cinema and television took over, the dominant popular entertainment was the variety show, mixing stand-up comics, trilling soubrettes, jugglers, magicians and shapely chorus-girls. Now, the summer seaside shows are practically the last remnants of that tradition. And even these, like the Christmas panto, have tended to become pale imitations of what you can see any night on the box.

Down the road in Great Yarmouth, for instance, they have "Freddie Starr's Summer Madness". Yes, he has supporting acts too, but if I mention "Karen Noble's Wild Women Roadshow" you will grasp the level of proceedings. Well, Cromer has nobody of Freddie Starr's eminence. The big-time for most of these acts is a three-week booking on a Cunard liner. But they do have a lot of nerve.

"A man came round last night collecting for a new swimming pool."
"What did you give him?"
"A bucket of water."

Cromer's comic duo give way to a pair of crooners — he in white tux, she in slinky cocktail-bar dress. "Does anyone remember us from last year?" she asks, perhaps unwisely. "Yeah," shouts a none-too-enthusiastic voice.

Later comes Laurie Bennett, or "The Young Howard Keel" as they call him in Cromer. Once the pride of the Teeside Apollo Male Voice Choir, he belts out "The Impossible Dream" in a baritone that throbs like a ship's engine. All over the theatre, matrons swoon. The young Howard Keel flashes a manly smile.

> 'Where did that gag come from? An episode of Beyond Our Ken, circa 1962, I think'

Even Cromer has had doubts about continuing with its end-of-the-pier show. Its heyday was in the 1920s, when a fearsome committee called the Cromer Protection Commissioners scoured the south coast, selecting such acts as "Mademoiselle Vivienne, The Perfect Contortionist" to bring back to Norfolk.

The show was revived after the war, but taste was changing and audiences dwindled. By 1978, North Norfolk District Council was faced with a crunch decision: to write off the Pavilion Theatre, or make one last effort to give it punter-appeal.

Act I builds to its climax. In a skit entitled "Desert Love Song" such ripe lines as "Night draws on" and "You're getting a little hoarse" allow the cast to trawl hideous depths of double-entendre. The audience shrieks. Then comes a joke of Byzantine complexity about a giant who eats little men, constructed solely in order to produce the punchline "Chocolates? Small geezers!"

The Act I finale is "North of the Border", in which sporrans are universally flaunted, Brigadoon is ransacked, and a burst of "Donald where's your troosers" gives the principal funny-man the opportunity to lift his kilt at the chorus-girls. Is the scenery here a touch ambitious? I mean, trying to depict the Scottish Highlands on a backcloth six yards wide? Possibly, but as the North Norfolk News *has eloquently declared, this show is "nothing less than a theatrical miracle".*

Happily, the town council chose to fight for audiences. The pier's cafe and bar were brightened up; and a partnership struck with the late Dick Condon, the impresario who brought the Norwich Theatre Royal back to life. Condon managed the same trick for Cromer. Last year more than 38,000 people saw the summer show: an average 88 per cent capacity over 13 weeks.

"What's the difference between an Australian and a yoghurt?"
"I do not know. You tell me."
"The yoghurt has a living culture."

The stage is occupied by a plump comedian in an orange suit who hurls out mildly irritating racial jokes and prehistoric mother-in-law gags. He strikes a false note, we think. But Rog and Andy restore spirits, producing a blaze of sound as the company launches into its "London Pride" finale — Lambeth Walk and all. "Oi!" we all shout, and file out towards the windswept prom, where we watch reflections from the pier's illuminations dance in the waves.

Twenty years ago these chilly, chirpy east-coast resorts seemed doomed. Who would want a damp holiday by the North Sea when, for the same money, a fortnight in a Spanish oven beckoned. We incurable romantics were preparing our farewells to the great icons of the British seaside, from saucy postcard to molar-cracking stick of rock.

Somehow, the catastrophe has been averted. The British resort has actually become a bit fashionable again. Something to do with our new fetish for "heritage", I suppose. Even on this raw coast there is optimism. At Blakeney the whelk stall is safe. The fruit-machine arcade at Wells-next-the-Sea will live on — lurid, raucous and lovely — for ever. On Sheringham prom the Salvation Army band will continue saving souls every Sunday afternoon. The improbable tin-shed cafe on the Cley seawall will go on defying the gales and supplying bird-watchers with their Bovril.

And at Cromer, the "last authentic end-of-the-pier show" looks good for another 90 years. So do the jokes.

PROMS

Clear as ever

While far too many younger composers concentrate even in this post-modernist age on making their scores as complex and as intense as possible, **Witold Lutoslawski**, still dapper at eighty, has long been concerned with refinement. His music makes its substance crystal clear; he refuses to dress it in imposing, quasi-intellectual clothes.

His Fourth Symphony, unveiled in Los Angeles last February and given its British premiere at the Albert Hall Prom on Friday, is typically an elegant aural sculpture of many faces; beautiful to listen to, not without traditional big, symphonic gestures, but unconcerned with overtly baring the soul, exploring the psyche or revealing some deep Angst.

Concerning his attitude towards the form, he has apparently compared the balance he favours with that of a Haydn symphony, where the main challenge lies in the first movement and the rest is lighter. Here, as in the Third Symphony of 1983, the first part is preparatory, a brief taster for what is to come, and stall. Lutoslawski's wares in this case are of two basic kinds. There is an almost Mahlerian feeling of the autumnal in the great lyrical theme, which steadily works to a climax, quickly shattered, in the second movement. Such a flavour dominates the whole symphony, from the clarinet's opening phrase to the poignant violin solos near the end, though one should be wary of reading too many implications into that.

The opposing material is faster, more brilliant, less clearly defined. The clusters and twitterings of strings and woodwinds, and the use of brass and percussion as interrupters as well as refiners of texture, are familiar hallmarks.

Equally typical is Lutoslawski's collision and overlapping of the fundamentals of which were introduced as long ago as 1958 in *Jeux venitiens*, that bold experiment in rhythmic and contrapuntal freedom which proved a watershed.

The composer himself conducted a keenly committed performance from the **BBC Symphony Orchestra**. Otherwise, in a concert which contained some demanding music for listeners as well as players, they seemed slightly, if understandably, tired under **Arturo Tamayo**'s baton.

Ligeti's *Lontano* made a promisingly concentrated introduction. It is almost the perfect piece for this hall, where everything tends to sound somewhat distant anyway, and it duly wafted gently, strangely and sadly into those vast spaces.

But Tamayo was unable to draw the disparate strands of Stravinsky's *Song of the Nightingale* together to make the tableau wholly convincing, while despite the power and richness of **Thomas Zehetmair**, the soloist in Bartók's Second Violin Concerto, that, too, had a somewhat meandering quality about it.

TELEVISION

Surplus to requirements

Whoever did the picture research for last night's **Frost** in the Air (BBC 2) must have had a remarkably easy time. "See how many Sixties publicity shots you can find of David Frost leering moonfaced into the lens," they were told. "Right you are," said the humble picture person, and returned in five minutes with a stack of glossies a foot tall and a weird unblinking look in their eyes. "Blimey, that was quick," said the producer. "I know. It was as though — by some strange inexplicable outside agency — my work had already been done for me." The picture researcher puts a hand to a fevered brow. "In fact, I think I'd like to go home now, because I'm not feeling very well."

Well, there's a lot of it about. Not for the first time, the British public is suffering a surfeit of Frosty. Broadcast to coincide with the publication memoirs, this three-part biography presumably seeks to cash in on a wave of public interest, which is quite a funny idea when you think about it — the British viewer exclaiming "Oh good, more David Frost!". Timing is important in all things, but when your subject is a chap famous for being famous (rising without trace, and so on), it would surely be smart not to broadcast in a week when public awareness is at its all-time dismal height.

The main virtue of last night's first instalment was its thoroughness. Yes, we all know *TW3* was "dynamite", but it is a long time since anyone showed us so much of it. Yes, we knew David Frost embraced fame, but those glossies — by their very multiplicity — were transfixing. The grand claims for *TW3* were cruelly belied by the actual footage, but we are used to that.

get the famous interviews — Richard Nixon, Tennessee Williams, Bobby Kennedy — and it is honestly a lot more interesting when attention shifts to other people.

Perhaps the most encouraging clip from last night's programme was from the second series of *TW3*, when the show was appalled to discover that Michael Rennie's *Third Man* series had been scheduled after it, before close-down. With typical ruthlessness, *TW3* simply gave away the plots in advance, and it was possibly the funniest thing they ever did. "The plane which Harry Lime says crashes, *hasn't really*," sneered Frost, happily, "And Marthe, the fascinating girl spy, is in fact *working for the enemy*." Frosty looked around. "So why bother really? Goodnight." And for a split second, he came across as a man with a sense of humour.

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Pippa Wielgos

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

GAUDIER ENSEMBLE. This chamber ensemble, led by pianist Susan Tomes, performs Janacek's *Mladi* and Concertino and Schubert's Octet
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street. Today, 11am. Festival box office 031-225 5756

A SCOTS QUAIR. Glasgow's TAG Theatre dramatises the three parts of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's trilogy of novels, telling the story of Chris Guthrie's journey from life on a remote farm to marriage and politics during the Depression
Assembly Hall, The Mound. Tonight: *Cloud Howe*, 7.30pm. All three parts performed next Saturday, 1pm, 4.30pm and 8pm. Festival box office as before.

SOUTH WEST GERMAN RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. In the first of two concerts the South West German Radio Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Michael Gielen, performs Rachmaninov's *The Isle of the Dead*, Alfred Schnittke's Concerto Grosso (Christian Tetzlaff and Heinrich Schiff the violin and cello soloist respectively) and Josef Suk's *Summer Fairy Tale*.
Usher Hall, Clerk Street. Tonight, 8pm. Festival box office as before

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH STORYTELLING. In this series of stories the many voices of Scotland are expressed in tales of mythic events of mischief and fantasy. Told by some of Scotland's finest storytellers, they promise an entertaining and enthralling perspective into the history of the various Scottish peoples, recited in the newly restored Glasite Meeting House
Glasite Meeting House, Barony Street. Today-Sept 4, 10pm. Festival box office as before.

EDINBURGH FRINGE

KILLING HIM. The Cambridge Nights Theatre Company brings to Edinburgh this black comedy, already seen in London, about two currency speculators.
Pleasance, 60 The Pleasance (031-228 5425) Today-September 4, 4.30pm.

THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY: The Import Theatre Company from the former Yugoslavia presents the British premiere of a play by Vladimir Djurec, inspired by Burn's bestseller on psychology. It is a fast-moving comedy, switching from the everyday to the surreal in a series of plot twists.
Roman Eagle Lodge, 28 Johnston Terrace (031-225 7995). Tonight-Sat.

ELSEWHERE

LONDON: The Cenci, Shelley's only stage play, deals with patriarchal tyranny and murder in 16th-century Italy. Here revived by Damned Poets Theatre Company for the Shelley bicentenary
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith (081-741 2311) Mon to Sat 7.30pm, mats Sat 2.30pm. Till Sept 11.

LONDON: The **Dance Weekend** continues at the Barbican Centre with ballroom dancing, jazz and jitterbug.
Barbican Centre, Barbican, Silk Street, EC1 Today, 2pm-5.45 (Tel: 071-638 4141).

LONDON: Some two million people are expected for the **Notting Hill Carnival,** held in the streets around Ladbroke Grove. Reggae, ragga, salsa, calypso and soul bands can be heard at the following venues: **Kiss FM Stage,** Portobello Road, W11, from 2pm; **Round the Globe,** Globe, Talbot Road, W11, from 10am-late, **All Day Blues Extravaganza,** Station Tavern, from 1pm; free Tel: 081-964 0544.

LONDON: This afternoon (3pm), in the first of today's two **Proms,** Raymond Leppard directs a programme designed to appeal to a younger audience. The music includes Britten's *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*, Dohnanyi's *Variations on a Nursery Song*; Ravel's *Sheherazade* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 2 in C Minor
The second Albert Hall concert of the day is given at 8pm by the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, Germany's most venerable orchestra, making the first of two appearances before heading north to perform in the Edinburgh Festival. The programme comprises Bruckner's Fourth Symphony and Schubert's "Unfinished". Kurt Masur, the orchestra's music director since 1970 and now also the principal conductor of the New York Philharmonic, conducts the concert.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **CITY OF ANGELS:** A top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit and ingenuity, set in Los Angeles and the world of the private-eye movie
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat 2.30pm. 160mins

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced and extremely noisy revival taking a nostalgic look at the not-so-innocent 1950s. Skimpy story of teenage love, but the tunes, including the hits "Summer Nights" and "You're the One That I Want", are catchy. Craig McLachlan stars in the lead role first played over here, decades ago, by Richard Gere
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **A GOING CONCERN:** James Clyde, Reece Dinsdale, Adam Godley represent the youngest of three generations working for an ailing billiards-table business. This is Stephen Jeffreys' new comedy, and will be directed by Matthew Lloyd
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722-9301). Previews from Thurs 8pm. Opens Sept 8, 7pm. Then Mon to Sat 8pm. Mat Sat 4pm.

☐ **HAIR:** The Age of Aquarius dawns again. Another Sixties revival, this time of the musical that let it all hang out and celebrated the abolition of stage censorship. Michael Bogdanov directs, and is said to have radically revised the show, in keeping with the spirit of the 1990s
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1. (071-928-7616) Previews from tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Sept 14, 7pm Mon to Sat 7.45pm Mats Fri and Sat 4pm

HYSTERIA: Latest surreal comedy from Terry Johnson, with Henry Goodman and Tim Potter playing Freud and Salvador Dali. Said to be distantly based on a real-life encounter.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1. (071-730-1745). Opens Wed 8pm Then Mon to Sat 8pm Mats Sat (from Sept 4) 4pm.

☐ **RACING DEMON:** Revival of David Hare's bracing drama on the modern Church of England, again with Michael Bryant, Richard Pasco and the excellent Oliver Ford Davies. Later in the month to be joined by **Murmuring Judges** and the last of the trilogy, **The Absence of War**
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1. (071-928-2252) Previews from Thurs 7.15pm. Then in repertoire Opens, with the other two plays, Oct 2: 10.30am.

☐ **MOONLIGHT:** Ian Holm, Anna Massey, Edward de Souza head a strong cast in Pinter's first full-length play for 15 years.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1. (071-359-4404). Previews from Thurs 8pm. Opens Sept 7, 7pm Then Mon to Fri 8pm. Sat 8pm. Mat Sat 4pm. Till October 30.

☐ **PRESENT LAUGHTER:** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration".
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm 150mins

■ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical version of the story about the "Demon Barber of Fleet Street". With Alun Armstrong, Julia McKenzie.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 7.30pm, and 7.30pm, Mon-Wednesday, mats, Sat 2pm. 180mins. ◩

☐ **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW.** Bill Alexander's lively and continually surprising production of this familiar, yet provoking play
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) ◩ Today and Tues, 7.15pm, 180mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tonight, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins. ◩.

LONG RUNNERS. ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◩ **Cats.** New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◩ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◩ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ☐ **On The Piste.** Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◩ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black.** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BENNY'S VIDEO Excellent, chilling study of one adolescent's warped life, from German director Michael Haneke.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647)

IN THE LINE OF FIRE (15) Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt. Sturdy thriller, directed by Wolfgang Petersen.
Odeon Leicester Square (0426-915 683)

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING (PG). Fast-food Shakespeare from Kenneth Branagh, with rollicking actors, clearly-spoken verse, but little film finesse. Emma Thompson, Denzel Washington, Michael Keaton
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366)

THE NIGHT WE NEVER MET (15) Romantic mix-ups in a time-shared New York apartment. Endearing comedy with Matthew Broderick, Annabella Sciorra, Kevin Anderson.
Odeon Haymarket (0426-915 353)

PERFORMANCE (18): Nicolas Roeg and Donald Cammell's trailblazing psychodrama, filmed in 1968, still looks exciting. James Fox, Mick Jagger.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

LE SAMOURAI (PG). Downfall of an icy hired killer (Alain Delon). Jean-Pierre Melville's superb, stylised gangster drama of 1967.
Lumiere (071-836 0691)

CURRENT

APRES L'AMOUR (15) French love tangles, carefully unravelled by director Diana Kurys and an excellent cast, including Isabelle Huppert, Hypolite Girardot, Bernard Giraudeau
Curzon Mayfair (071-499 3737)

◆ **BARAKA** (PG) A perfect coffee table book of a film, surveying the world's miseries and wonders from Kuwait to Kathmandu. Director-photographer, Ron Frick.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18): Smart sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde*. Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast: Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna, Elias Koteas
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

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OPERA: Broadway echoes and elusive dreams in English National Opera's Kurt Weill revival

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Street Scene
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HALF way through Kurt Weill's *Street Scene*, Rose Maurrant is offered a vision of a life away from her sweaty New York tenement in the duet "Wouldn't you like to be on Broadway?" Weill must have asked himself just that question while he was writing his opera in the mid-Forties. When things start getting too heavy for the urban poor of Elmer Rice's original play Weill slips in a number that could have had them skipping on Broadway.

The Act I jitterbug, "Moon-faced, starry-eyed", is a deliberate showstopper and in the present revival expertly played as such by Caroline O'Connor and Philip Gould. David Fielding's set, half surreal and half grimy reality, one of his best for the ENO, opens out to reveal Manhattan's skyscrapers glittering in the distance. "Wrapped in a ribbon", better danced now than sung, could also have stepped straight from an American musical. Weill had learned a trick or two from the Great White Way and possibly he gave back a few lessons in return.

But in *Street Scene* his deeper purpose is with human struggles and dreams just out of reach. He lets the faces gradually emerge from the tenement crowd, especially that of Anna Maurrant. This role is now played for the first time on stage by Josephine Barstow, although she sang it on the glossily cast recording which emerged from the original Scottish Opera production. (Samuel Ramey and Jerry Hadley were alongside her.)

Barstow, in her dowdy blue dress, is careful to stress that Mrs Maurrant never aspires to be more than a plain housewife, one of opera's few heroines to answer that description. Her American dreams are simply of having a happier life and a less brutal husband (the excellent Mark Richardson). Barstow's Anna ranks among her best creations: direct and unaffected until she takes a chance with the milkman and gets a bullet for her infidelity. More the stuff of Simenon than grand opera.

Lesley Garrett is again her daughter Rose, as drab as her mother at the start and then showing signs of becoming a swan with the encouragement of the Jewish boy in the flat below (Kevin Anderson). At the end Rose takes over the American Dream, facing the future with the optimism of Dorothy setting off down the Yellow Brick Road, but not before Weill has tossed in a final mocking number for two snotty nursemaids gawping at the murder spot.

The other dream of *Street Scene* is racial harmony. This is no *West Side Story*, but a New York where the immigrants get on almost suspiciously well with one another — Swedes to the left and Italians to the right, Jews upstairs and Welsh downstairs. Weill brought them all together in the "Ice Cream Sextet", exuberantly led by Anthony Mee, bursting out of his vanilla suit.

David Pountney in his original production was careful not to allow comic ethnic stereotypes and his wishes have been scrupulously observed by the revival director, Nicolette Molnár. James Holmes is back in the pit, letting the score gather pace from its slow, heat-ridden opening. One of ENO's most satisfying evenings.

JOHN HIGGINS

DONALD COOPER



Lesley Garrett as drab Rose, who shows signs of becoming a swan

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL OPERA

Triumph in early Verdi

WHILE the early Schubert Singspiel heard in the Usher Hall the other night fell flat partly because it did not sound like real Schubert, an early — indeed the earliest — Verdi opera heard here on Thursday triumphed. **Oberto, Re di Bonifacio** (1839) might not ooze the subtleties of later masterpieces, but it states clearly that its composer was already a man of rare gifts. Donizetti is the obvious model, but for dramatic thrust, melodic grace, orchestral colour and vocal pyrotechnics the young Verdi could match any of his then more illustrious compatriots.

He plays his hand with sagacious care. *Oberto* has only two acts and four main characters, and the plot is straightforward; involving a father and daughter bent on wreaking vengeance on a two-faced fellow who has taken advantage of the daughter and dropped her for another girl. The ending, naturally, is not a happy one.

Sometimes the music strays towards the predictable: rolling drums, menacing brass, jaunty tunes whatever the mood, and simple harmonies. Yet time and again Verdi saves himself by sidestepping the obvious.

David Robertson, replacing Sir Edward Downes as conductor, preferred not to exaggerate the music's cruder aspects, concentrating instead on its lyricism. He had a marvellous team at his command. Undoubtedly the Royal Scottish National Orchestra possesses a fine brass section, with a lovely depth of sonority, while strings and woodwind showed themselves to be up to London's highest standards. And Arthur Oldham had drilled the Edinburgh Festival Chorus thoroughly. No strangulated tenors there.

But the crowning glory was the soloists. When a singer of Fiona Kimm's stature takes a part as small as that of Imelda, Cuniza's confidante, her colleagues are likely to be pretty distinguished. They were. Alastair Miles, as the unmovably vengeful Oberto, showed how vastly his voice has matured, while Dennis O'Neill, as his caddish opponent Riccardo, made a gloriously open-throated sound. Jane Henschel as Cuniza, Riccardo's new amour, sang with fruity tone, and Maria Guleghina's Leonora, the spurned daughter, was passionate but always in control of a formidable voice.

Earlier in the day, the Festival scored another triumph, when **Yuri Bashmet** gave a viola recital with his pianist **Mikhail Muntian** at Queen's Hall. The pair's gauging of Schumann's *Märchenbilder* was exquisite, Schubert's Arpeggione Sonata had a perfect balance of warmth, charm and impetus, and arrangements of pieces by the Baroque bass-viol composer Marin Marais deflected any charge of heresy simply through being so beautiful.

STEPHEN PETTITT

YOUTH OPERA

Overture and beginners

IN GIVING practical stage experience to operatic singers and production staff beginning their careers, British Youth Opera has performed a valuable function. Last week's performances at Sadler's Wells included **The Marriage of Figaro**, not an opera which plays itself without imaginative assistance, musically and dramatically.

Tamas Vasary's conducting secured reliable if rather under-characterised playing from the BYO Orchestra, and this corresponded with a production by Michael Hunt that likewise opted not to pursue any revolutionary sub-texts, but to stay on the surface of the opera's comedy of manners.

That often left the singers to find their own focus in Alison Nalder's sparse and stylised set, which was inadequate for the degree of intrigue it has to contain, though skilfully lit by Philip Edwards. Costumed in traditional period style, mercifully, the cast went about its business singing the English version by Amanda Holden that sometimes makes heavy weather of rhyming recitative.

The most stylish singing was from Rosamund Cole as a winning and intelligent Susanna, notably enchanting in her last-act aria, and complemented throughout by the tall and vocally resourceful Cherubino of Katarina Karneus. Susannah Glanville was a spirited Countess, bestowing much grace of feeling on her emotional plight. Emma Pollard was an unusually dignified Marcellina.

Of the men neither Nathan Berg as Figaro nor Simon Thorpe's Count Almaviva registered enough vocal personality to fill out their notes. Character roles were decently done by Johann Saervarsson (Bartolo), Colin Judson (Basilio) and Andrew Morton (Antonio). But only the last act displayed the degree of ensemble response on which Mozart depends.

A second new production reverted to original Italian for **La Bohème**, drawing on a wholly different style of singing in two rather jolly acts to start with. They were balanced with two others of increasing emotional tension skilfully shaped under the conducting of Timothy Dean, whose feeling for Puccini had charm as well as dramatic character.

Patrick Libby directed a mostly logical production, updated in Christopher Woods's designs to occupied Paris in the 1940s. So German militia guarded the barrier in Act III and a Wehrmacht officer turned up among the customers at the tavern. This opened up possibilities that proved incapable of being explored in the operatic context. Otherwise it was ingeniously staged, with a spirited chorus to support the principals.

Led by Catrin Wyn Thomas as a bright-voiced, sometimes shrill Mimi and the Mexican-born Rafael Rojas as an ardent if dry-toned Rudolfo, they included Alison Buchanan's genially flamboyant Adelaide Hall of a Musetta. She was splendid in her quarrel scene with a Marcello sung by Gwyn Hughes Jones, a most mellifluous baritone. Christopher Maltman (Schaunard) and Nicholas Gedge (Colline) completed a credible student quartet. Any charm lacking in some voices was made up by orchestral playing of beguiling sentiment.

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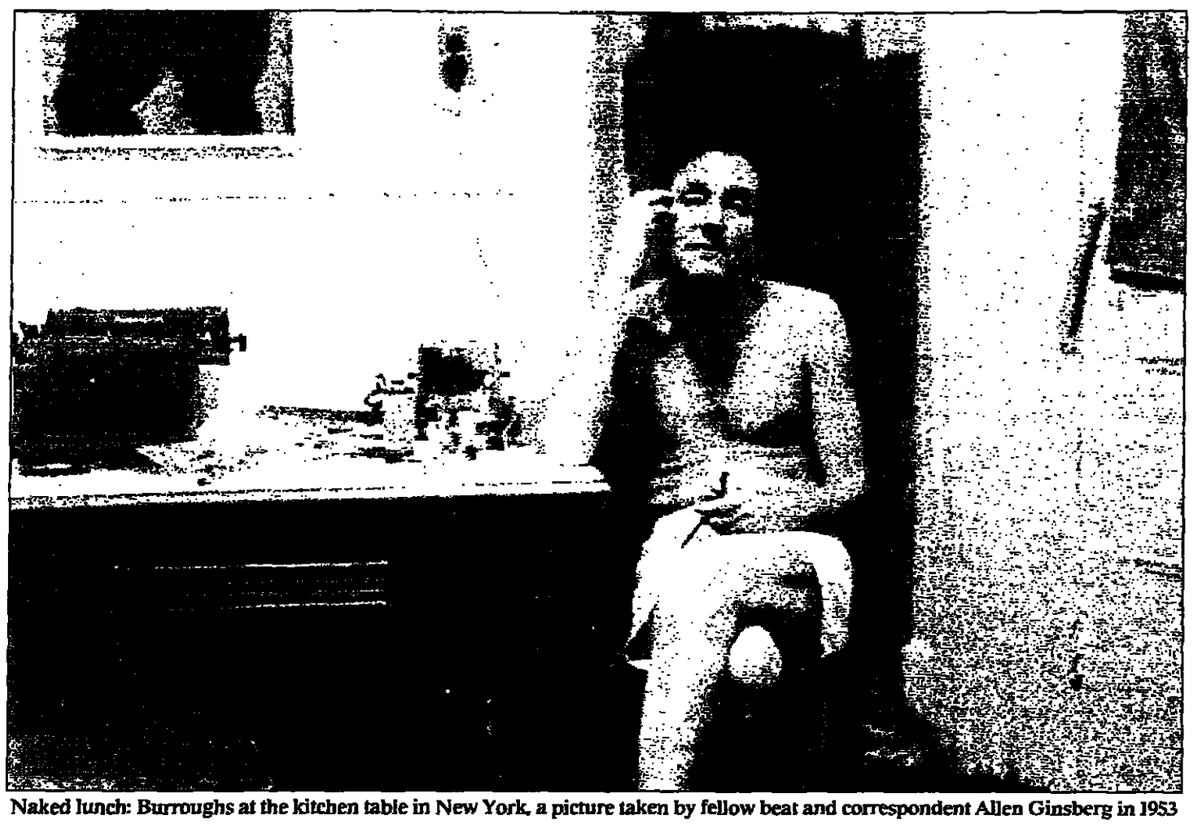
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Burroughs's letters document the progress of an addiction, one that in the long term proved to be far stronger and more persistent than any drug dependency. In 1959, around the time this first sequence of correspondence ends, Norman Mailer opined that Burroughs might just be the only writer of his generation in America "*possessed* by genius".

Though the majority of the letters make some reference to the getting of or withdrawal from drugs, or their economic and legal consequences, surprisingly few concern their consumption and effects. By the early Fifties almost all are in some way concerned with literature, either the mechanics of publication at a distance, or as a way of working out ideas and "routines" that will eventually find their place in the fragmentary autobiography of Burroughs's novels. Language became his siege-engine and his *most reliable defence in a life-long* crusade against middle America and creeping liberalism.

Allen Ginsberg considered Burroughs's tub-thumping to be a "W.C. Fields act", rhetorical rather than genuine and partly directed against himself. Ginsberg's working-class Jewish socialism and querulous homosexuality was the exact antithesis of the older Burroughs's wealthy mid-West background and confident sexual experimentalism. All but 27 of the letters are addressed to his "sweetheart" Ginsberg, who remained in New York while Burroughs drifted restlessly southwards — New Orleans, Texas, Mexico, Panama, Colombia, Peru — working as a farmer and freelance drug dealer. Ginsberg became Burroughs's part-time agent and passive antagonist as his approach to writing shifted from artistocratic *ennui* to urgent, compulsive obsession.

It is noticeable how Burroughs's tone differs in the letters to Jack Kerouac (they make up most of the remainder), who was already turning out hefty typescripts and attracting publishers. Ginsberg he *treats like a pupil (lecturing him on* the solecism of using "human" as a noun) and like an errant nephew, scolding *him for failing to acknowledge* a parcel of marijuana.

For several years Burroughs was *concerned with more innocent* crops. It is odd to hear him describe to the townie Ginsberg the frosting of *peas, the vagaries of cotton* prices, and the iniquities of farm labour unions, all with a fussiness about profit and loss that ironically recalls the concerns of the family firm, the Burroughs Adding Machine Co, back in St Louis. All the time, though, he was perfecting a less literal, mental husbandry which combined hare-brained theorising with a novelist's obsessive management of detail.

After the death of his wife in a bizarre shooting incident in August 1951, an event not directly discussed *but ominously foreshadowed in* Burroughs's embrace of the Mexican enthusiasm for guns as fashion accessories, he began to conceive of himself as a writer first and foremost. As soon as he began work on the autobiographical *Junkie* and *Queer*, the letters become skittish or more sober try-outs for the novels, exercises in the self-mythologising vein that the Beat Generation writers went in for. He tells Ginsberg to keep all correspondence in the hope that they can make a book out of it one day (as they did in 1963 with *The Yage Letters*) and *signs off one* notable performance "Willy Lee — *That Junky* writin' boy". Burrough's pseudonyms betrayed his ambivalence toward his family; anxious lest they identify him in print, he nonetheless adopted his mother's maiden name (Lee).

The final sign-off in the volume is the cool, lower-case "william seward burroughs," datelined Paris, where he had moved from his permanent home in Tangier. By this time, he had completed the haphazard cycle of *fiction that produced The Naked Lunch* and subsequently *The Soft Machine, The Ticket That Exploded and Nova Express*. A letter of October 1958 introduces the experimental artist Brion Gysin ("I see in his painting the psychic landscape of my own work"), with whom Burroughs collaborated on the celebrated "cut-up" technique. There is a single letter to Gysin from the following January.

Shortly after, magazine extracts from *The Naked Lunch* had fallen foul of the US Post Office, and been impounded for obscenity. The furore convinced *Maurice Girodias*, publisher of the Olympia Press in Paris, to go ahead with the novel, which was to become a *cause célèbre* in America and Britain.

The letters tell the story with the *sort of fragmentary coherence that* one finds in the fiction itself; in his introduction Oliver Harris fills in the gaps. *Mailer's initial enthusi*asm for Burroughs was based on the early extracts; he later declared himself disappointed with the novel as a whole. It is clear that Burroughs's undoubted genius works in discontinuous fragments rather than in grand architectural blocks. The letters, far from being incidental to his progress, contain some of his best writing.

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● *Contributors: Tania Glyde, Philippa Ingram*

An officer and temporary gentleman

Frances Hill

THE EYE IN THE DOOR
By Pat Barker
Viking, £14.99

Dr William Rivers, in Pat Barker's absorbing new novel, is a first world war neurologist trying to cure his soldier patients of mutism, hysterical paralysis and terrible night*mares by restoring lost memories.* He leads them in talk of the trenches till uncovering the horrors causing the symptoms. But he faces a dilemma. He believes that when his cured patients go back to fight they should prevent a recurrence of illness by experiencing, not repressing, horror and fear. Yet he half accepts the contention by one of his patients, Siegfried Sassoon, that no one can go out to kill or be killed, in that hell, without being numb.

The conflict between the need to create psychic divisions by sealing off pain, and the destructiveness of those divisions, is the core of this book. *The Eye in the Door* is the "eye" of memory that can be blinded by anguish and is also one "I" watching another.

It is also the eye painted round the peephole in the door of the cell in Aylesbury prison where Billy Prior, one of Dr Rivers's ex-patients, *visits Beattie Roper*, convicted of plotting to kill Lloyd George with a poison-tipped blowdart. Prior is an old friend of Beattie but also an employee of British Intelligence. Is he at Aylesbury prison primarily to help Beattie or to glean information? He himself does not know.

Dr William Rivers, Beattie Roper and, of course, Siegfried Sassoon, are based on historical characters. As in her last novel, *Regeneration*, Pat Barker has mixed fact and fiction, using the same setting and some of the same people. In the previous book Dr Rivers cured Billy Prior of mutism but discovered respiratory problems that prevented his return to the trenches. It becomes clear in *The Eye in the Door* that Billy's psychological difficulties are by no means disposed of.



Pat Barker: mixes fiction with fact using real characters

Billy's internal divisions include conscious social, political and sexual ones as well as those rooted in childhood trauma and the horrors of France. He is a working-class boy with a decent education who has become an officer and, as his upper-class colleagues disdainfully put it, "temporary gentleman". He despises his country's rulers and their complacency in the face of suffering and slaughter but believes the war must be fought to its end. He is in love with a woman but *instigates casual homosexual en*counters. Half-way through the novel he begins to suffer memory *loss. Dr Rivers, to whom he has* returned as a patient, realises he is experiencing "fugue" states, in which two separate personalities exist in one body, the first knowing nothing of the second. The reader's eventual meeting with the "other" Billy Prior is satisfyingly shocking without straining credulity.

Pat Barker has explored her theme honestly, as well as painting an evocative picture of life in the great war.

This novel is in many ways a sequel. Therein lies a weakness, since some of the characters and situations, introduced and developed in the previous book, are here merely sketched. But if read as though it were the second part of a two-volume novel, *The Eye in the Door* is thoroughly satisfying.

Dynasty fit for the gods

Philip Howard

CASSANDRA
Princess of Troy
By Hilary Bailey
Cape, £15.99

Here comes a revisionist version of the *Iliad* (and incidentally the *Agamemnon*), from the losers' point of view. Cassandra, fated to foretell the truth but never to be believed, was not after all butchered to make a Mycenean holiday. She escaped to live on as an obscure and, for a family reason, understandably *frightened farmer's wife in darkest* Thessaly.

She writes her memoirs to put *the record straight about the hist*ory concocted by the winners. Her version comes out more as *Dynasty* than heroic epic understatement, and the causes of things are drably economic, not the anger of the gods. Agamemnon and Menelaus are thugs, and the Greeks are pirates greedy for the wealth of Troy. Helen plays a large and bitchy part, and there is no room for the Trojan horse. Aeneas is not *pius*, but the traitor. Achilles is a decent hearty, who feels bad about his victims.

This is an international, classless and feminist version of the foundation legend of Western literature. There are parts for Hittites, Egyptians, the Sea People, and enough extras to satisfy even Cecil B. de Mille. In the original version, the only common man to get a look in was Thersites, who also walks on in Cassandra's modern memoirs, but a crowd of commoners and slaves, women and children, also play a preponderant part. The Amazons, who have left their husbands to baby-sit, wield new super-weapons of iron.

This is a rationalist version, with the Greeks numbering not much more than a thousand, and the siege lasting not much more than a year. It is as much modern realism as romantic, with the stench of siege in the streets. Aeneas grunts: "Be still, lady. Do nothing or you are a dead woman."

In Homer, slain warriors bite the dust with a crash. In Bailey blood spouts through their helmets like a fountain. The matter of prophecy by little Cassandra and Helenus is explained by nightmare and epileptic fit. This historical romance is *good on the hows and whys of a* ferocious petty struggle between opposed tribes. It misses the mys*tery of myth, and the heroic* reticence of epic. The old men of Troy would never have said that it *was no grief for the Greeks and* Trojans to have fought for so long over Helen, because she was wonderfully like an immortal goddess to look at.

The most startling twist to the *Iliad* is the absence of the Olympian gods, who are the irascible team managers in Homer. Trojans, of whom we know little, are taken to worship the tripartite *magna mater*, virgin, mother and old lady. Bailey has taken the foundation document of Western literature, and translated it into a classy soap. Nothing wrong with classy soaps — provided that they turn some of their readers to reading the hard stuff, which is so much better fun.

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Complicated colonial couplings

Sousa Jamba

MASAI DREAMING
By Justin Cartwright
Macmillan, £14.99

Tim Curtiz, the narrator *of this novel, goes to* Africa having been commissioned to write a film script about a dashing, French Jewish anthropologist Claudia Cohn-Casson. She worked among the Masai in the forties, and in the course of the war was betrayed to the Nazis. *As the breezy narrative mean*ders between her life and the narrator's, we learn that Tim's *partner, Victoria, has had a* one-night stand with another man. Tim insists she has an *Aids test.*

The film's producer, S.O. Letterman, goes to Paris *to find an actress to play the* leading role. He settles for an alluring woman and has an *affair with her. The actress* turns out to be a transsexual. By the end of the novel, Letterman — now in London — is having an affair with Victoria.

As the narrative lurches on, we move deeper into the Kenya of the forties, where *Claudia is involved with a* Masai warrior while, at the same time, having an affair with the expatriate, Tom Fairfax. He fears she may have caught syphilis from her Afri*can lover.*

After an argument over a cow, the Masai warrior kills a *white district commissioner* and is sentenced to hang. Claudia entreats Fairfax to use *his influence to save the Ma*sai, who is too steeped in the ways of his people to lie about *his part in the events.*

Three main themes emerge in this narrative — the complexities which go with sex; the clash between the values of an *aboriginal society and those of* the colonial masters; and the Holocaust. Justin Cartwright *conjures so many demons that* he leaves the reader unsettled, without showing a way out.



Justin Cartwright: *conjuring up demons*

Although the descriptions of Africa and the Masai are lasting. I was left feeling that the Masai world, especially how it has been affected by the West, could have been explored further. Claudia went native; but, unlike in Conrad's *Heart of Darkness, evil was* not spewing out of Africa — the ovens had been switched *on in Europe. This is a theme* hinted at in the novel, but not pursued.

Whatever misgivings I had about *Masai Dreaming*, however, were tempered by the *precision and vividness of* Cartwright's prose. His account of a man imagining (in *graphic detail) how his part*ner might have copulated with another man is memorable. *As the novel progresses, it* shifts between the first and third person narrative voice. *All this is done with great skill.* I would not be surprised if, some day soon, this ingenious novel was made into a film.



The vicious science spiral

Too few science graduates, too few teachers, A-level students turn elsewhere, too few graduates. A key debate at the British Association for the Advancement of Science, examined in this week's TES.

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The narrator, junior diplomat Ned Vicars, is of that innocent, open-mouthed species without which no lost world or brainy superman is complete. The Shavian mastermind here is Josiah Traveller *and, hanging on to his coat*tails, Ned is whisked to the Moon and made aware that constant peril from anti-ice. A touch of improper amour and impeccable period detail makes all this alarmingly addictive.

The main story of **A Topolev Too Far** by Brian Aldiss (*HarperCollins, £14.99*) is of another world with a brick missing. A randy businessman, from an elegant parallel time in which the Russian Revolution never happened, is electrically-stormed into Brezhnev's khaki culture. Ironical stuff, but the best tale is about a rodent-originated race in which Sir Kingsley Amis makes a guest appearance, glitter of a Fabergé beetle.

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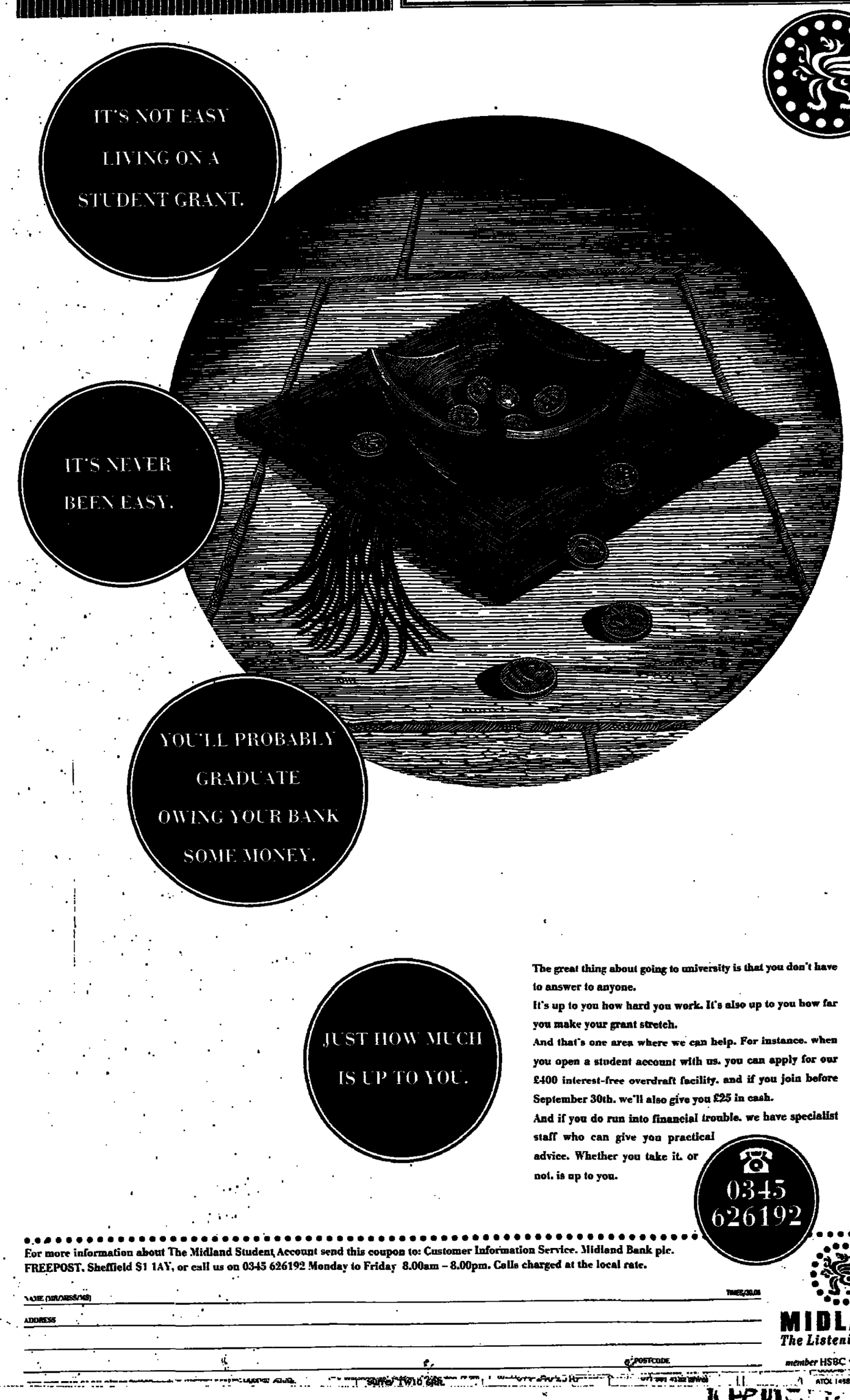
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EDUCATION

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Success of GCSE hides great failure

The lack of any vocational ladder is denying education to the majority, says **Alan Smithers**

The GCSE results published last week show a continued improvement on last year. The proportion passing at grades A-C, the equivalent of the old O-level, has gone up each year since the examination was introduced in 1988. Then it was 42.5 per cent, now it is 52.4 per cent. (In the last year of O-levels it was 39.8 per cent).

GCSE has been a success story. It has widened opportunities so that about 90 per cent of youngsters are now taking it — although there are signs that with the pressure on school budgets and the effect of league tables, there has been some reduction in entrants this year.

The exam has undoubtedly encouraged more young people to continue in education. And, being based on assessment methods, teachers feel it accurately reflects pupils' abilities.

But, despite these advances, the English education system still fails to serve all, or even most, of our young people. In 1992, only 27 per cent of youngsters obtained grades A-C in the three core subjects of English, maths and science, whereas in countries such as France, Germany and Japan, more than double that number reached these levels in their national language, maths and science. Even with the better results at A-level, only 14.3 per cent of young people obtained three or more A/AS passes.

For those doing well at GCSE, there is a clear route through A-levels to university. But for those with less academic ability, there is as yet no obvious vocational ladder. Sir Ron Dearing, in the interim report on his review of the National Curriculum, commented: "It is disturbing that the system is serving least well those pupils who are less academically gifted or whose interests and talents are not engaged by the traditional approach to academic education."

Sir Ron considers the possibility of setting up pathways in the National Curriculum to ensure a smooth transition to further study or employment. He suggests that 14 to 16-year-olds could follow a core of four or five subjects, leaving the remaining time open for a choice of pathway: academic, broadly vocational or a combination of the two.

Comparisons with other countries suggest that the lack of adequate pathways and qualifications post-14 is a major factor in the under-performance of the English education system.

Pathways have gained support across the entire political spectrum. But there are also opponents. Those on the left reject pathways as a rerun of the 11+ test. They feel that, in the name of fairness, everyone should take the same pattern of subjects during compulsory schooling. Critics on the right suggest that pathways are unnecessarily restrictive and it should be sufficient to have a common core around which there is free choice.

Neither objection is valid. The common core would be a flexible base, but there would also be bridges enabling young people to change direction. Crucial to the idea of pathways is that they should be voluntary: teachers would advise, but pupils' and parents' wishes would be paramount.

Neither need pathways be unduly limiting; their point is to give coherence and identity. In the same way that you can mix A-level combinations, so it should to be possible (timetable permitting) to combine different pathways.

In practice, pathways could be based on a core of five subjects — say, English, maths, science and two others — so that all pupils have a chance of five GCSEs. Beyond that, there would be room for choice within and between academic and vocational courses. The vocational pathway would offer courses in, say, construction, business services, and health and social care, and would be a mixture of workplace and classroom-based learning.

Already some local authorities, such as Barking and Dagenham, are considering these schemes, but they have been handicapped by lack of suitable vocational qualifications. The pilot general national vocational qualifications do not fit the bill. The interest shown in them by students underlines the need for such qualifications, but there are doubts about their acceptability to employers, the mix of skills training and general education, and the lack of progression from the National Curriculum.

Academic education has always been seen to broaden the mind and open up opportunities, while vocational training has often seemed to narrow both. We need to develop an education which incorporates skills training but widens choices and provides a foundation for the working world.

Education in this country is still geared to an academic élite. Sir Ron's proposals for the National Curriculum and the government's plans for vocational A-levels and national vocational qualifications to run alongside traditional A-levels are signs that education to serve all young people is being taken seriously. Pathways post-14 would be a positive step towards education for the majority.

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SIMON WALKER



Students at Dulwich College celebrate exam results

Lessons from the Mario Brothers

Only the latest in technology can interest pupils, argues **Jon Tacey**

THE teaching of information technology in schools will have to change significantly if it is to keep pace with developments in the world at large. An ever-widening gulf is growing between the IT children experience in the classroom and that in the home.

It is probably in the nature of governments to have a mental horizon no further than the next election, but it is sad that the current infighting seems to have produced a similar state in most teachers and commentators on the education scene.

But while the National Curriculum and pupil testing are important, they dominate all, to the exclusion of other equally valid topics, including IT. Yet recent developments in IT have the potential fundamentally to change the way children learn.



Jon Tacey: "IT work in schools is out of date"

In the meantime, many children at home are marching over the horizon into new and unexplored territory, created by commercial developments in IT such as virtual reality, CD Rom expert systems, interactive video and, of course, Sonic the Hedgehog and the Mario Brothers. Compare this with the average primary school, which has only 3.5 pieces of computer hardware and a collection of outdated and seldom-used software.

The accelerating scope and range of IT, and its spread throughout youth and business cultures, can best be understood by applying the principles of the "catastrophe" theory. This suggests that stable systems put under stress change slowly for long periods, then abruptly switch to a new condition. Examples include waves on a beach, stretched elastic and the folding of the old Soviet Union. Similar stresses are building up between IT and education. The current demands to maintain the status quo while at the same time going back to an imagined "golden age" fail to describe how the typical classrooms of the future will look.

By the first years of the next century, education may have transferred from the classroom to the home. If this is the case, and we fail to plan ahead, then when the "catastrophe" happens, it will be as poorly administered as the pupil testing crisis of today and will impact just as negatively on pupils and teachers.

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'I've tried and tried to stop being clever, mummy. How long do I have to be at school before they teach something I don't know?'

A mother fights for her gifted child, *The Times*, August 9

Only as special as the rest of the class

Gifted children can be happy at school, **Marie Rose**, a teacher, says

Sitting in his highchair, James had reputedly counted backwards in twos from 60 to zero. By the time he joined my class of 32 children aged 6-7, he was accurately calculating seven-digit computations in his head. I once asked him how he did it, as I laboriously verified the figures on a calculator.

"I just see the patterns of the number in my mind," he answered, quite simply.

It was a similar story with science and computers. He was particularly keen on astrophysics, and early in that first year he programmed our classroom computer to plot the ratio of the brightness of a light to the distance from it.

James is not just exceptionally able (his IQ is so high that the county's educational psychologist could not measure it), he is an exceptional communicator. Even the naughtiest members of the class turned into quiet and studious pupils when sitting at the computer with James, programming.

As a teacher, I was able to make practical use of his computer prowess when he would devise a programme to provide topic-related practice for the class, before setting out on his own tasks for the day. Usually, I only needed to mention something to him, or prepare a brief starting-point, and he was away. Acquiring and extending basic English skills, however, was an area he needed to work on a little harder.

Later in the year, we began inviting a number of regular visitors into the classroom, such as maths and science lecturers from our local college, on a voluntary basis initially, to work with James and help him tackle more advanced projects, as well as filling in the inevitable gaps in his learning, which had mainly been acquired by watching Open University television programmes and reading *New Scientist*. It was rewarding to watch the normally staid academics conducting an investigation with him, often on their hands and knees on the floor, while groups of other children looked on, thereby catching James's confidence and enthusiasm for learning.

As well as being "gifted", James is also endowed with a lively sense of humour, a polite, friendly nature and an endearingly normal manner. Being naturally gregarious, he enjoyed working alongside his peers and sharing in some of their activities.

On one occasion, James's group were all making things out of Multilink cubes. One child made a three-legged giraffe, another made a snake and a third a chair. I looked at James's construction. "I'm making a scale-model of Stonehenge," he explained, carefully lining up the last "stone" in line with the sunbeam that fell across the table.

Assessment was probably the greatest problem for me, as James's teacher, in those early days of the National Curriculum.

James was an asset to the class, but then so were most of my children that year, and as for being "special", I strongly believe that all children (and adults) have "special needs" and that James was one of 32 special children.

It is not only possible but beneficial to accommodate a child such as James in a mainstream class with his peers at an early age, provided the school and its staff are prepared to be flexible in their approach.

Undoubtedly, many exceptionally able children do have problems at school, and James himself has encountered some of these along the way. But he is still successfully attending a local school, with additional provision funded by our local education authority.

These factors of flexibility and additional provision are instrumental in James's story, but most crucial are his parents who, despite their many anxieties, have worked hard to maintain a calm and positive attitude themselves, as well as doing all they could to prepare their son to cope.

James's mother says: "I have nothing but praise for the way in which James's education has been supported, both by the county and the individual schools. Not only has his need for a high level of academic support been recognised, but also the fact that, like any little boy, he has social and emotional needs as well.

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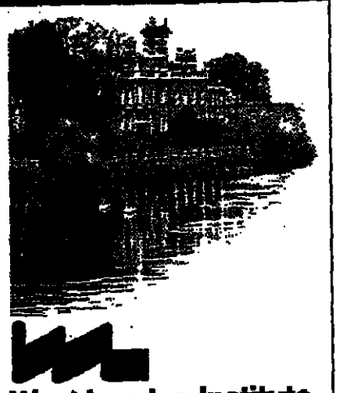
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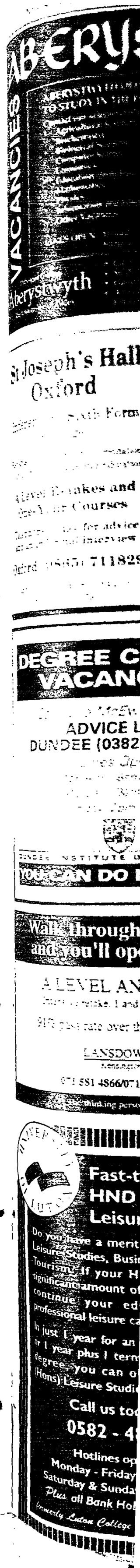
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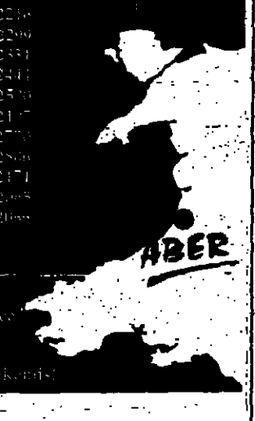
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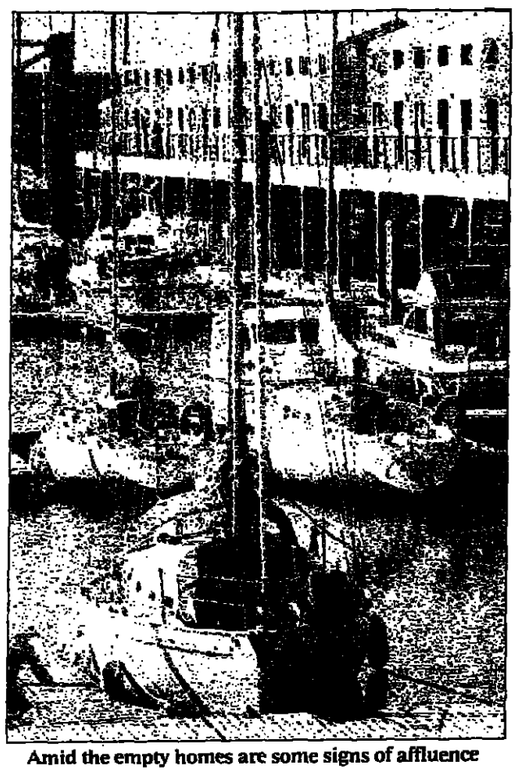
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Will the tide turn for Brighton Marina?



Amid the empty homes are some signs of affluence



Managers hope to make the marina look less like a half-finished building site: this vacant plot is to be landscaped, with a children's playground and small exhibition area

Jon Ashworth finds that dreams of transforming Brighton into a Cote d'Azur are still a distant shore

What ever happened to Brighton Marina? Two decades ago, architects drew up plans for what was to be the most ambitious marine and leisure development this side of the Côte d'Azur. They dreamed of millionaires mooring their luxury yachts outside exclusive homes, mingling in trendy restaurants, an upmarket shopping centre and a top-class hotel and leisure complex. Sadly, the Brighton Marina of today bears little resemblance to the dream. The millionaires never came. The hotel site is an empty clearing, strewn with rubble and dotted with clumps of grass. Those visitors who make the journey come for two reasons — to shop at the Asda superstore or to relax at the eight-screen cinema. Others prefer go-karting on the roof of the multi-storey car park.

The marina had its first good news in three years last week when Barratt, the housebuilder, put 30 unoccupied houses and apartments back on the market. The move followed lengthy negotiations with Brent Walker, the debt-laden leisure group that owns the site.

Barratt hopes the move will revitalise what it modestly calls "the finest residential location on the south coast". But the people who work and live there have their doubts. The recession has taken its toll, and it will take more than good intentions to set the luckless project back on course. "Quite a few houses are for sale, but the prices they are asking are ridiculous," said the taxi driver on the way from the station. "You've still got a road here that goes to nowhere." He pointed as the car emerged from a concrete tunnel. A road curved away into the sea before stopping dead, with a grim concrete breakwater looming beyond.

The site chosen for the marina — on reclaimed land and fully exposed to wind and waves — caused considerable controversy when it was mooted during the sixties. Chalk cliffs form a wall, the top of which is dotted by houses and lamp posts that peer down on the development. It is as if the ground has subsided violently, cutting the marina off from the rest of the world.

"It has the potential to be the best leisure site in the country," said Robin Kaye of Brighton Yacht Brokerage, one of an astonishing variety of shops and offices scattered around a paved piazza. "It's had a real hard three years." Mr Kaye is confident that the marina will one day come into its own, but admits it could take a while. "It's got the potential to be a small town in its own right, but it may take ten to 15 years." Regulars at The Master Mariner, one of two local public houses, were less optimistic. "Noone comes here," said one of the barmaids. "The homes are tiny and over-priced. Most of our business is from the cinemas." Tracey White, of Marina Properties, added: "Properties were very much over-priced when they were first built, but have come down. Most people buy as an investment, then let for most of the year."

Many tenants work for American Express, based in Brighton. Chris Eubank, the boxer, has a flat at the marina. The price of the most expensive flats has fallen from more than £200,000 to £160,000. Tony Rice, who runs Thumpers, a card and gift shop, said: "Since George Walker left, the place has gone downhill. Things used to happen. There was a buzz." Other shopkeepers privately agree that they would like a strong figurehead to rescue the marina from its plight.

Opposite Thumpers, the showroom of Heritage Motor Cars Europe stands empty. A notice announces that it was repossessed in July. Deserted building sites loom beyond an Asda petrol station. Peter Blackburn, managing director of Brighton Marina, is defensive. "There has been too much negative publicity," he said. "Obviously, it could have been better, anything could. Perhaps in another five years . . . We were badly hit by the recession, but now there is hope."

The marina's salvation may hail from an unexpected source — the sea. Mr Blackburn would like cross-Channel hovercraft or ferries to call here, but the omens are not good. A French operator experimented with a service last year, but the vessel broke down on its maiden crossing. This sort of incident is par for the course. In 1974, work on the breakwater was held up for five months after a force 11 gale stranded the giant crane used to hoist 110 625-tonne caissons into place. By the time the Queen opened the Marina in May 1979, eight years after construction began, costs had spiralled from £9 million to £50 million. Brent Walker took the marina over for just £13 million in 1985, spelling heavy losses for Electricity Supply Nominees, the principal pension fund investor.

Steps are being taken to make the marina look less like a half-finished building site. A vacant plot is to be landscaped and rounded off with a children's playground and small exhibition area. New houses will be built, but prospects for the hotel and leisure complex appear slim. The nudists who frequent the beach on the other side of the concrete wall should be thankful for that.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

BRENNUS

(c) The leader of the Gauls who defeated the Romans at the Allia and occupied Rome in 390 BC, but failed to capture the Capitol.

PAULY-WISSOWA

(c) The great German classical encyclopaedia, known as the "Real-Encyclopädie" of Pauly-Wissowa had its origin in a work by Pauly (d. 1845) published in 1839-66. A new edition, edited by G. Wissowa (d. 1931), W. Kroll and others, is still incomplete. The work endeavours to cover the whole of classical antiquity in the widest sense.

EUPHORION

(b) Euphorion of Chalcis (*fl. c.* 235 BC), an epic poet of the Alexandrian school, who was head of the library at Antioch, and wrote on various mythological subjects. Cicero (Tusc. Disp. III, xix, 45) groups under the term *cantores Euphorionis* the poets of his own time who were influenced by the Alexandrians, including such authors as C. Helvius Cinna and P. Terentius Varro Atacinus, and contrasts them with Ennius.

ZENODOTUS

(a) Zenodotus of Ephesus, scholar and critic, the first head of the Alexandrian library (*fl. c.* 285 BC). He was the earliest scientific editor of Homer, basing his text on a comparison of numerous manuscripts.

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8.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1511924) **8.10 Felix the Cat.** Cartoon (r) (4458059) **8.25 Charlie Cricket and Buddy Frog.** Cartoon adventure (3833011)
9.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5045634) **9.05 Hangar 17.** Comedy and music (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4212301) **9.35 All About Us.** With Sarah Greene (s) (2448837)
10.05 Playdays (r) (s) (3350585)
10.25 Lassie The collie plays matchmaker (5353479)
11.00 Film: Knights of the Round Table (1953). Colourful romantic adventure starring Robert Taylor as Sir Lancelot, Ava Gardner as Queen Guinevere and Mel Ferrer as Arthur Pendragon. Directed by Richard Thorpe (76053295) **12.55 Regional news** and Weather (71860566)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Chris Lowe. (Ceefax) Weather (84217672)
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4.30 Jason Donovan in Concert. A concert from the NEC in Birmingham. (Ceefax) (s) (7707498)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (461214)
5.55 Cartoon *(717905)*
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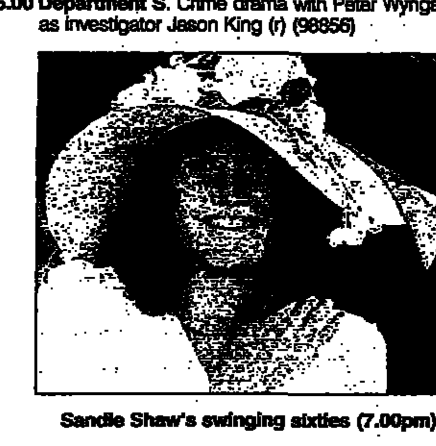


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8.00 Wogan's Holiday Nightmare. Terry Wogan hosts a look at disastrous holidays. Featuring viewers' candid home videos and clips of Mr Bean, Victoria Wood and Victor Meldrew. (Ceefax) (s) (507653)
8.35 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (364818)
9.00 Lonesome Dove. (Ceefax) See Choice (5360)
10.30 Film: Pretty in Pink (1986). Lively romantic comedy with Molly Ringwald as a poor teenager who falls in love with rich boy Andrew McCarthy. Sharply scripted by John Hughes and directed by Howard Deutch. (Ceefax) (s) (22108)
12.00 Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories: One for the Road. A gang of men tries to kill a drunk for his insurance money. (Ceefax) (s) (6660615)
12.25am Weather (5771509). Ends at **12.30**

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7.10 Open University: Mathematics in the French Revolution (7758856) **7.35** Basque Nationalism and the Spanish State (3868189)
8.00 Film: Helpmates (1931, b/w). Laurel and Hardy mayhem. Directed by James Parrott (9729160)
8.25 Film: Trouble in Store (1952, b/w). Norman Wisdom in his film debut as a clerk who keeps getting sacked. Directed by John Paddy Carstairs (2244108)
9.50 Film: Lonely are the Brave (1962, b/w). A cowboy believes that rules are made to be broken in this contemporary western starring Kirk Douglas and Walter Matthau. Directed by David Miller (67748108)
11.35-1.15am One Day in the Sixties. See Choice (9711721)
11.40 The Marshall McLuhan Golden Probe Show. The programme *Twenty Golden Probes* was screened by the BBC in 1967 to test the ideas of media pundit Marshall McLuhan (r) (6870837)
12.00 The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis (b/w). American sitcom about a lovelorn teenager (55653)
12.30 Call My Bluff (b/w). A 1966 edition (r) (80837)
1.00 It's Marty Feldman. A compilation of the comedian's award-winning show (r) (82856)
1.30 Steptoe and Son (b/w). The pilot show (r) (89108)
2.00 Man Alive (b/w). A programme from 1965 looking at unmarried mothers (r) (5498)
2.30 Running, Jumping, Standing Still. Great sporting moments from the 1960s (498)
3.00 Film: The Young Ones (1962). Breezy, innocuous musical featuring Cliff Richard and the Shadows. Directed by Sidney J. Furie (43417672)
4.55 Peyton Place (b/w). Small-town soap with Ryan O'Neal and Mia Farrow (r) (6964450)
5.30 Whole Scene Going (b/w). Groovy rock show featuring the Who and Lulu (r) (214)
6.00 Department S. Crime drama with Peter Wyngarde as investigator Jason King (r) (98856)



Sandie Shaw's swinging sixties (7.00pm)

7.00 The Sandie Shaw Supplement (b/w). Recently discovered archive footage of the singer (r) (9214)
7.30 Frost in the Air (colour and b/w). (Ceefax) See Choice (677943)
8.35 Till Death Us Do Part (b/w). A 1960s episode entitled *The Blood Donor* (r) (376653)
9.05 Adam Adamant Lives (b/w). Gerald Harper plays the time-travelling Edwardian detective (r) (492943)
9.50 Can I Ask You a Personal Question? The story of the *Man Alive* documentary series (419011)
10.30 Sixties Babylon. Archive footage showing 1960s attitudes to sex. (Ceefax) (65030)
11.00 The Late Show: Whatever Happened to the Sixties? Discussion with Germaine Greer (675160)
11.40 Film: Barbarella (1968). Voyeuristic fantasy with Jane Fonda as a provocative space kitten. Directed by Roger Vadim, her then husband (903011)
1.15am Weather (4556870). Ends at **1.20**

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CHOICE



Robert Duvall takes to the trail (BBC1, 9.00pm)

Lonesome Dove
BBC1, 9.00pm

The BBC has been promoting this six-hour mini series as the greatest western ever made, which it certainly is not. Most of the John Ford canon beats it comfortably. As television oaters go it is a superior article, sharply written (from a novel by Larry McMurtry of *The Last Picture Show*) and strongly acted, particularly by Robert Duvall and Tommy Lee Jones. They play a couple of bewhiskered veterans taking a herd of cattle from the Mexican border north to Montana and encountering myriad adventures on the way. The material is conventional, the pace slow and Duvall's accent hard to fathom. However the piece has an authenticity that many Hollywood westerns lack, helped by photography that eschews romanticism and concentrates on muted browns and greys.

One Day in the Sixties
BBC2, 11.35am

The latest in the enjoyable series of BBC2 bank holiday theme days is devoted to the 1960s as evoked in the television output of the decade. The selection is mainly popular and lightweight, though it *is* good to be reminded of ephemera such as *Department S* and *Adam Adamant Lives.* It is also appropriate to salute two great sixties sitcoms, *Steptoe and Son* and *Till Death Us Do Part.* A programme made specially for the day, *Can I Ask You a Personal Question?*, recalls the achievement of *Man Alive.* This was the documentary series which broke new ground both in subject matter (one of its reports, on unmarried mothers, is shown this afternoon) and in its fearless, some said distasteful, plumbing of human emotions.

Frost in the Air
BBC2, 7.30pm

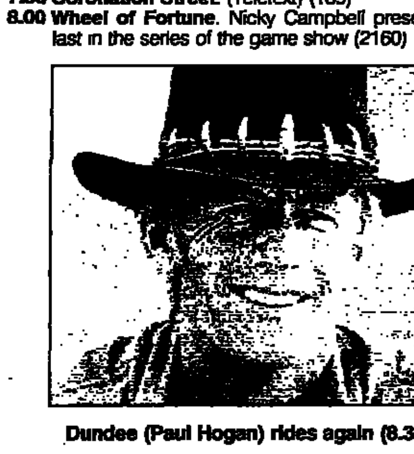
In part two of the David Frost story, Christopher Booker, by no means an unqualified admirer, calls him the biggest television star of the 1960s. The way to be famous then was to go on television and by that yardstick Frost was not just a British but a global celebrity. He even, by commuting backwards and forwards across the the Atlantic, managed to defy nature and appear on the small screen eight nights a week. The Frost shows were a curious mixture of serious, sharp-edged interviewing, notably of the insurance swindler Emil Savundra, and corny showbiz. But the contradiction never seemed to matter. The film spills over into the 1970s to cover Frost's interviews with the disgraced Richard Nixon.

The River Detectives
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Trust Channel 4 to come up with a contrary offering for the bank holiday. While the other channels serve up escapism and nostalgia, this one treats us to a documentary about the nasty things that get into our rivers. It is a mucky job sloshing around in polluted waters and a tricky one trying to nail the culprits. In the Midlands, where this film was shot, the task often falls to women. Gill Clayton, Jill Symes and Erica Marshall, pollution control officers with the National Rivers Authority, are more than up to it. Their confrontations with suspected polluters are mainly friendly though one well-known haulage firm is not pleased to see the cameras. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (4479498)
9.25 The New Adventures of He-Man. First in a series of cartoon adventures. Our hero rescues a helpless trader from the evil Skeletor (5978301)
9.50 Film: It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World (1963). Manic comedy from Stanley Kramer about a group of motorists chasing after $350,000 of stolen loot. With Spencer Tracy, Milton Berle, Sid Caesar, Phil Silvers, Ethel Merman, Mickey Rooney and Terry-Thomas (66310450)
12.35 Lunchtime News with Dermot Murnaghan. (Teletext) (85543837)
12.50 Home and Away. (Teletext) (2180721)
1.20 Stuntmasters. A compilation of dangerous stunts including clips from James Bond movies, a 140-foot cliff jump on skis, aerial acrobatics and a nerve-wracking car chase (4815301)
2.15 Film: Supergirl (1984). The story of Superman's cousin, here up against a wicked witch who wants to rule the world. Harmless fun with Helen Slater, Faye Dunaway, Peter O'Toole and Mia Farrow. Directed by Jeannot Szwarc (84356547)
4.30 Home and Away. *Blake has a difficult announcement to make* (r) (Teletext) (160)
5.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. (Teletext) (7335362)
5.15 London Today (8425924)
5.20 Film: From Russia with Love (1963). Second and possibly the best Bond film with Sean Connery pitted against the villainous Lotte Lenya and Robert Shaw. Bond travels to Istanbul to help a clerk in the Russian embassy defect to the West, but a trap awaits him. Directed by Terence Young. (Teletext) (28835568)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (189)
8.00 Wheel of Fortune. Nicky Campbell presents the last in the series of the game show (2160)

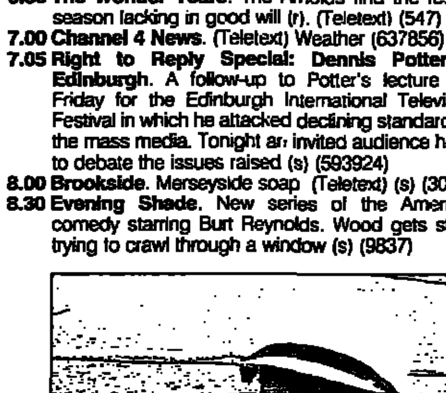


Dundee (Paul Hogan) rides again (8.30pm)

8.30 Film: Crocodile Dundee II (1988). A disappointing sequel opens with the wisecracking Aussie settled in New York. But he is soon back in Australia where he lures his Big Apple adversaries for a showdown in the outback. With Paul Hogan and Linda Kozlowski. Directed by John Cornell (95301)
10.30 News with Dermot Murnaghan (Teletext). Weather (158672) **10.50 London Tonight** (666382)
11.00 Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93. The 13th race of the season is the Molson Indy Vancouver (96059)
12.00 The Beat. Gary Crowley presents the latest releases from bands James, Texas, US 3 and Senser. This week's film reviews include *This Boy's Life* starring Robert De Niro and Ellen Barkin, and *Guilty as Sin* starring Rebecca De Mornay and Don Johnson (s) (81509)
1.00am Sport AM. Late-night sport, featuring the Volvo German Golf Open, water-skiing and European soccer highlights (64851)
2.00 The Twilight Zone. Chilling double-bill of *A Day in Beaumont* and *Grace Note* (7853054)
2.40 60 Minutes. American news magazine (7972870)
3.30 Videofashion. A preview of the autumn collections from the designers Helen Storey, John Richmond, Ally Cappellino, Red or Dead, Michiko Koshino and Ghost (92122)
4.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (13615)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Film news (r) (16783)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (90257)
5.30 ITN Morning News (75257). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff Feline fun (1582382)
6.45 Wowser. Canine fun (1705837)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin, with guest Robert Plant (74837)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. *American comedy. A love* triangle causes trouble at Bayside High (60585)
9.30 Star Street. Zodiac animation. Elephants are destroying the dark planet (r) (2444011)
9.55 Kid 'n' Play. Animation inspired by the film, *House Party* (r) (2452030)
10.25 Kelly. The dogged canine sleuth tracks down more villains (r) (2795740)
10.55 Sharky and George. Tales from the fervent fish detectives (r) (3986996)
11.20 The Henderson Kids. Steve learns that Harry and Spider are still in town (r) (6129059)
11.50 Cabaret. Luci Woodhouse's short film in which animated humans defy gravity (7656382)
12.00 The World's Strangest Sports. Celebration of unusual sports (r) (40721)
12.30 Sesame Street. The actor Rick Moranis is today's guest on the early-learning series (r) (10769)
1.30 Bobobobs. *Cartoon adventures of the ecologically* sound aliens (r) (74276)
2.00 Garden Club. Gardeners in the west Midlands demonstrate how they encourage watercress to grow (r). (Teletext) (14196363)
2.25 Racing from Epsom. Introduced by Brough Scott. The line-up is: **2.35** Sherwood Maiden Stakes; **3.10** Moët and Chandon Silver Magnum Ltd Handicap; **3.40** Tadworth Nursery Handicap Stakes; **4.10** Tote Bookmakers Sprint Stakes (56009547)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game, hosted by Richard Whiteley. (Teletext) (s) (130)
5.00 Teletoons. The animation magazine looks at pixilation, or the art of animating live people, reports on cartoon robots and profiles the animators Rene Laloux and Guido Manuli (3653)
6.00 Batman. The Penguin tricks the dynamic duo into committing his crimes. With Adam West, Burt Ward and Burgess Meredith (295)
6.30 The Wonder Years. The Arnolds find the festive season lacking in good will (r). (Teletext) (547)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (637856)
7.05 Right to Reply Special: Dennis Potter in Edinburgh. A follow-up to Potter's lecture last Friday for the Edinburgh International Television Festival in which he attacked declining standards in the mass media. Tonight an invited audience helps to debate the issues raised (s) (593924)
8.00 Brookside. Merseyside soap (Teletext) (s) (3030)
8.30 Evening Shade. New series of the American comedy starring Burt Reynolds. Wood gets stuck trying to crawl through a window (s) (9837)



More muck than magic for Jill Symes (9.00pm)

9.00 The River Detectives. (Teletext) See Choice (3363)
10.00 I'll Fly Away. Drama series set in the American south in the 1950s. Forrest takes Francie campaigning. Meanwhile Lilly meets prejudice when she tries to vote. With Sam Waterston. (Teletext) (s) (398189)
10.55 Global Image: The Thread of Memory – One Hundred Years of Abolition. Brazil's black population is the largest group of African descent in the world. Shot in Rio, including archive footage and interviews, this film traces their struggle to find a sense of identity (75518498). Ends at **1.05am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.20pm A Country Practice (21675363) **1.45-4.30** Film. Paint Your Wagon (Clint Eastwood, Lee Marvin) (35956721) **5.15-5.20** Anglia News (8425924) **10.50-11.00** Anglia News (666382) **12.00** Film: Nasty Hero (67865) **1.30am** Sport AM (35122) **2.30** Donahue (9677870) **3.25** The Beat (6091054) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17256870) **4.30** Riviera (33319035) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6445948)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.20pm Stuntmasters (4815301) **2.15** Cartoon (94024059) **2.20** Bigfoot in Action (11222943) **2.40-4.30** Film: Like Mom, Like Me (Linda Lavin, Kristy McNichol, Patrick O'Neal) (58008547) **5.15-5.20** Central News (8425924) **10.50** Central News (743905) **10.55** Film: Breaking All the Rules (Malcolm Stewart, Bruce Pirrie) (38276924) **12.50am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (5021344) **1.50** The Beat (8138493) **2.50** 60 Minutes (9688986) **3.50** Jobfinder (3715948) **5.05** Take 15 (6648306) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9326986)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.20pm Stuntmasters (4815301) **2.15** Film: Return from Witch Mountain (Bette Davis, Christopher Lee) (348363) **4.00-4.30** Movies, Games and Videos (276) **10.55** Film: Hot Pursuit (John Cusack, Robert Loggia, Wendy Gazelle) (45800547) **12.35am** Kojak (5026899) **1.30** Sport AM (35122) **2.30** Donahue (9677870) **3.25** The Beat (6091054) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17256870) **4.30** Riviera (33319035) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6445948)

HTV WEST
***As London except: 1.20pm** Stuntmasters* (4815301) **2.15-4.30** Film: Return to Peyton Place (Carol Lynley, Jeff Chandler, Eleanor Parker) (84356547) **5.15-5.20** HTV News (8425924) **10.50** HTV News and Weather (743905) **10.55** Film Hot Pursuit (45800547) **12.35am** Kojak (5026899) **1.30** Sport AM (35122) **2.30** Donahue (9677870) **3.25** The Beat (6091054) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17256870) **4.30** Riviera (33319035) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6445948)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.20pm Stanley the Ugly Duckling (21675363) **1.45-4.30** Film. Paint Your Wagon (Clint Eastwood, Lee Marvin) (35956721) **5.15-5.20** Meridian News (8425924) **10.50** Meridian News (743905) **10.55-12.00** The Equalizer (6249634) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (90257)

TYNE-TEES
As London except: 1.20pm Stuntmasters (4815301) **2.15-4.30** Film: True Grit (John Wayne, Glen Campbell, Kim Darby) (84356547) **5.15-5.20** Tyne Tees News (8425924) **10.50** Tyne Tees News (743905) **10.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (931943) **11.50** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (532011) **12.20am** Film. My General (306716) **2.20** Entertainment UK (7305580) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (8332783) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (7521122)

ULSTER
***As London except: 12.45pm-12.50** UTV* Live (29858585) **1.20** Stuntmasters (4815301) **2.15-5.00** Film: The Great Race (14995672) **5.15** Home and Away (838295) **5.45** UTV Live at Six (944189) **6.35-7.30** Murder, She Wrote (717382) **10.50** UTV Live (743905) **10.55** Film: Hot Pursuit (John Cusack, Robert Loggia, Wendy Gazelle) (45800547) **12.35am** Kojak (5026899) **1.30** Sport AM (35122) **2.30** Donahue (9677870) **3.25** The Beat (6091054) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17256870) **4.30** Riviera (33319035) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6445948)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.20pm Monster Trucks. Racin' to the Finish (7095214) **2.00-4.30** Film: Pete's Dragon (856295) **5.15-5.20** Westcountry Latest (8425924) **10.50** Westcountry Latest (743905) **10.55** Film: Hot Pursuit (John Cusack, Robert Loggia) (45800547) **12.35am** Kojak (5026899) **1.30** Sport AM (35122) **2.30** Donahue (9677870) **3.25** *The Beat (6091054)* **4.20** *Get Stuffed!* (17256870) **4.30** Riviera (33319035) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder *(6445948)*

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.20pm Stuntmasters (4815301) **2.15-4.30** Film: True Grit (John Wayne, Glen Campbell, Kim Darby) (84356547) **5.15-5.20** Calendar News (8425924) **10.50** Calendar News (743905) **10.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (931943) **11.50** Nigel Mansell's Indycar '93 (532011) ***12.20am** Film: My General (Fernando Rey)* (306716) **2.20** Entertainment UK (7305580) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (8332783) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (7521122)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The *Big Breakfast* (74837) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (60585) **9.30** Star Street (2444011) **9.55** Kid 'n' Play (6698214) **10.20** Kelly (3353672) **10.45** The Adventures *of Tintin* (4800160) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (8475027) **11.35** The Herbs (8824127) **12.05pm** The Bluffers (8879450) **12.30** Sesame Street (10769) **1.30** Hangin' with Mr Cooper (19743160) **1.55** Garden Club (19768479) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing (56009547) **4.30** The Wonder Years (130) **5.00** Batman (1818) **5.30** Countdown (362) **6.00** Newyddion (693092) **6.10** Goreuon Fe Hoffwn (202740) **7.00** Jacpot (4382) **7.30** Hollol Bananes (289) **8.00** Winnebago Blws (3030) **8.30** Newyddion (275585) **8.45** Sgorio (344837) **9.45** Four-nations Winners (205127) **10.00** *Brookside (41450)* **10.30** Film: Angry Earth (14214) **12.30-1.25am** I'll *Fly Away* (5018870)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (7314027) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1616160) **6.50** DJ Kat Show (63780522) **9.30** Pyramid Game (37769) **10.00** Card Sharks (6642943) **10.25** *Concentration* (7584653) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (4612009) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (22496) **12.00** E Street (16671) **12.30pm** Three's Company (31585) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (29740) **2.00** Testimony of Two Men (8024301) **2.55** Another World (2537924) **3.45** DJ Kat Show (5786653) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4635) **6.00** Games World (7127) **6.30** E Street (8479) **7.00** Rescue (1214) **7.30** Full House (7363) **8.00** Return to Eden (73585) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (52092) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (49473)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1187189) **9.30** Roving Report (99363) **10.30** Memories (71479) **11.30** Business Report (91011) **12.30pm** Business Report (75295) **1.30** CBS This Morning (76924) **2.30** Memories (39568) **3.30** Travel Destinations (19127) **4.30** Business Report (4276) **5.00** Live at Five (108160) **7.30** Special Report (5905) **8.00** News Hour (73295) **9.30** Talkback (87617) **11.30** CBS News (84011) **12.30am** ABC News (13141) **1.30** CBS News (97986) **2.30** Memories (22236) **3.30** CBS News (56211) **4.30** Special Report (17238) **5.30** CBS News (97493)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (3274127)
10.00 White Fang (1991). Adaptation of Jack London's novel (35301)
12.00 Body Slam (1987): A promoter tries to turn a wrestler into a rock'n'roll star (78189)
2.00pm The In-Crowd (1988): A teenager must choose between fleeting fame and an education (76672)
4.00 Three Men and a Little Lady (1990) The dads save mum Sylvia from a dreadful nuptial mistake. Starring Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg (2189)
6.00 The Long Walk Home (1989): Civil rights drama in the deep south with Sissy Spacek and Whoopi Goldberg (63108)
8.00 To My Daughter (1991): Coming to terms with a daughter's death (45978160)
9.40 UK Top Ten (358419)
10.00 Jacob's Ladder (1990): Tim Robbins sets out to discover if his grisly nightmares are reality or hallucinations (620721)
11.55 Liebestraum (1991): Stylish thriller as Kevin Anderson is embroiled in a thirty-year-old murder case (80735450)
2.00am Daughter of the Streets (1991): Fact-based drama of a girl becoming a prostitute to try to help her family (41073)
4.00 Midnight Fear (1991): A girl alone on a farm is terrorised by violent strangers (35851). Ends at **6.00am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm A Shot in the Dark (1964): Peter Sellers *believes Elke Sommer innocent* despite the evidence (19440092)
7.45 The Guns of Navarone (1961): Anthony Quayle and Gregory Peck lead Allied soldiers (42598081)
10.20 Missing in Action 2 — The Beginning (1985): Chuck Norris escapes with a group of GIs from the Vietnamese (233996). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Little Boy Lost (1953): Bing Crosby searches for his son in Paris (45108)
8.00 You, Me & Uncle Bob (1992): Two children do a little matchmaking (86108)
10.00 Columbo: Bird in the Hand (1991): Tyne Daly's bullying husband is killed in a hit-and-run accident (33943)
12.00 The Good, The Bad and Huckleberry Hound: Animated adventures (85289)
2.00pm Final Verdict (1991): Treat Williams plays the 1920s lawyer Earl Rogers (74214)
4.00 You, Me & Uncle Bob *(as 8am) (3059)*
6.00 Curly Sue (1991): A con-man and his moppet feel affection for their victim. With James Belushi and Kelly Lynch (54450)
8.00 Navy S.E.A.L.S (1990): The elite unit goes into Beirut (66295)
10.00 Deceived (1991): Riveting drama in which Goldie Hawn unravels her dead husband's secret life (998634)
11.50 Backstreet Dreams *(1991):* Gritty urban drama with Jason O'Malley and Sherilyn Fenn (657295)
1.35am The Hot Spot (1990) Don Johnson as a small town swindler (33912801)
3.45 Deadly Dream (1971): Lloyd Bridges plays a scientist on the verge of a great discovery (91010054). Ends at **6.00am**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (69943) **7.30** Women's Pro Beach Volleyball (33160) **9.00** Prime Bodies (50721) **9.30** The Big League (70479) **11.30** US PGA Golf (18943) **1.30pm** Premier League Football: Newcastle Utd v Blackburn Rovers (96382) **3.30** Trucks 'N' Tractor Power (1585) **4.00** US Open Tennis (6473) **6.00** Soccer News (316566) **6.15** Wrestling Challenge (539566) **7.00** Monday Night Football: Leeds Utd v Oldham Athletic (18797653) **10.15** Soccer News (272059) **10.30-4.00am** US Open Tennis (9283634)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (40818) **8.00** Golf (20566) **10.00** Cycling (92295) **12.00** Motorsport Report (95392) **1.00** ATP Tennis (11818) **3.00** German Touring Cars (69818) **4.00** Motor Racing (71653) **5.00** IndyCar Racing (5295) **6.00** Eurofun (2837) **6.30** News (3189) **7.00** Athletics (41547) **9.00** Boxing (34081) **10.00** Eurogoals (12498) **11.00** EuroGolf (70059) **12.00** News (34948)

UK GOLD
7.00am Defenders of the Earth (7085455) **7.30** Neighbours (8530540) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1045108) **8.30** EastEnders (1044479) **9.00** The Bill (1058059) **9.30** The Pallisers (1759450) **10.30** South of the Border (2949382) **11.30** Rhoda (8623837) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1048295) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5842108) **1.00** EastEnders (8435986) **1.30** The Bill (5841479) **2.00** George and Mildred (1392566) **2.30** Shelley (5429360) **3.00** Dallas (8627653) **4.00** Dynasty (8606160) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1383818) **5.30** Give Us A Clue (7324996) **6.00** Neighbours (2266849) **6.30** The Pallisers (6613450) **7.30** George and Mildred (4244173) **8.00** EastEnders (1305030) **8.30** Film: Carry On Girls (4142030) **10.00** The Bill (1049924) **10.30** Naked Video (1058672) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9632856) **11.45** Dr Who (7129943) **12.15-2.15am** Film. The Last Command (4942967)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am *Jack in the Box (48547)* **7.00** The Care Bears Family (9577045) **7.55** Ratkan II (4627194) **8.30** Galaxy High School (21081) **9.00** Pugwall's Summer (90383) **9.30** Mario (27905) **10.00** The Finder (93011) **10.30** The New Adventures of He-man (96547) **11.00** Spiff And Hercules (52437) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (26016) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (40656) **1.00** Michael Valiant (30030) **1.30** Super Mario World (20092) **2.00** Adventure (8924) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (7924) **3.00** The Care Bears Family (2392127) **3.25** *Ratkan II* (5921295) **3.30** The Berenstain Bears (9769) **4.00** Bobobobs (8276) **4.30** Betty's Bunch (7160) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (9276) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (1740) **6.00-7.00pm** Fame (39740)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: The New *Information Technology*
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: with Catriona Young. *Including* Purcell (Overture, Ode on St Cecilia's Day: English Chamber Orchestra under Charles Mackerras); Franck (Symphonic Variations: LSO under Erich Leinsdorf with André Watts, piano); Mozart (Serenade No 6 in D, K239, Serenata Notturna: Soloists of Australia under Ronald Thomas); Falla (El Amor Brujo: LSO under Eduardo Mata with Nati Mistral, mezzo)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Robert Schumann. Jeremy Siepmann presents works inspired by literature including Papillons, Op 2, Die Peri sah das Mal der Wunde, and Davidsbündlertänze, Op 6: Murray Perahia, piano
10.00 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Stravinsky (Symphony in Three Movements), Rachmaninov (Symphonic Dances)
11.00 Edinburgh International Festival, live from the Queen's Hall. Gaudier Ensemble with *Susan Tomes, piano, performs* Janáček (Mladí, Concertino); Schubert (Octet in F, D803). In the interval at **11.40** Festival Report: Robert Dawson-Scott looks at the events and people causing a stir
1.00pm News
1.05 John Lill (piano): from a performance at the 1992 Bath International Festival. Bach, transcr Busoni (Chaconne in D minor); Beethoven (Piano Sonata No 23 in F minor, Op 57, Appassionata). Chopin (Nocturnes, in E minor, Op 72 No 1 and in C minor, Op 48 No 1; Ballade No 4 in F minor, Op 52); Rachmaninov (Etude Tableaux, Op 39 Nos 1-5) (r)
2.45 The Moor's Revenge: Henry Purcell's incidental music to Aphra Behn's tragedy performed by Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood
3.00 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London. The BBC Symphony Orchestra under Raymond Leppard with David Owen Norris, piano, and Joan Rodgers, soprano, performs Britten (The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra); *Dohnanyi (Variations on a Nursery Song). Simultaneous broadcast* with BBC1 **3.55** Concerto Grossman: A tale of music and mime by Frederic Raphael **4.15** Ravel (Shéhérazade); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 2 in C minor, Little Russian)
5.15 In Tune: with Andrew Green
8.00 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London. The Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur performs Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished); Bruckner (Symphony No 4 in E flat, Romantic). In the interval at **8.25** Kurt Masur talks to Stephen Johnson
10.00 South African Snapshots: Christopher Hope introduces a series of conversations with contemporary writers in his native country: Ellen Kuzwayo and Sipho Sepamla (r)
10.20 Bach: Vanessa Latarche, piano, performs Partita No 6 in E minor, BWV 830 (r)
10.45 Book, Music and Lyrics: Dancing Ladies. Robert Cushman presents a personal view of musicals (6/6)
11.30 Music Restored: Corelli's English Followers. London Baroque perform a selection of Robert Valentine's trio sonatas
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am *Shipping* **6.00** News Briefing *incl* **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for *the Day* **6.30** *Today incl* **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** The Natural History of Selborne, by the Rev Gilbert White **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 With A Song In My Heart: Jeremy Nicholas celebrates radio's most successful request programme *Two-Way Family Favourites*
10.00-10.30 Wordly Wise (FM only) with Peter Hobday
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only) from the Netherbow Theatre, Edinburgh
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Kings, read by Paul Daneman (r)
10.30 Womans Hour: Younger women explain why television misrepresents them. Maria Aitken reads the first of threee stories from *Spoilt* by Georgina Hammick. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Holidays in Hell: A montage programme celebrating the British seaside in the 1950s and 1960s
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25pm Round Britain Quiz: The annual opportunity for listeners to pit their brains against the doyens of the quiz world. *First* round: London (Irene Thomas and Eric Korn) v Ireland (Paddy Fitzpatrick and Owen Dudley Edwards). Gordon Clough and Tony Quinton are the hosts **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers *(r)* **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; A Fake's Progress: Roger Daltrey stars as the man who discovered Twiggy in *Shaun Prendergast's musical* adaptation of the life and writings of Justin de Villeneuve. With Sophie Lawrence and Shaun Prendergast (r)
3.30 Conversations with Historians: David Cannadine, professor of history at Columbia University, New York, discusses the rise and decline of the power of the British aristocracy (4/6)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Natalie Wheen meets flamenco star Antonio Vargas, talks to comedian Jo Brand and reviews Lesley Glaister's new novel *Limestone and Clay*
4.45 Short Story: The Ghost Writer by Julie Birchill
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: Last in the series (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Art of Travel: Annette Kobak invites poet Kathleen Jamie to reflect on being a Scot in purdah in Pakistan (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Much Ado About Nothing. See Choice
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Philip Hay **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Max Pearson
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Trick of It by Michael Frayn, read by Martin Jarvis (1/10)
11.00 You Heard It Here First: The Hitch-Hikers Guide to the Galaxy (r)
11.30 The Gypsy Genius: A look at a series of big band compositions written by the guitarist Django Reinhardt (r)
12.00am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** (LW only) As World Service

CHOICE

Much Ado About Nothing. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
As you cannot have failed to notice, there is much ado about something these days and it is Shakespeare's comedy about love's labour's near-loss. As well as Kenneth Branagh's film version and the West End staging, we now have Jane Dauncey's radio production from Wales. It is Radio 4's bank holiday highlight, though it would be the highlight of any day in the radio calendar. Michael Maloney's Benedick and Clare Holman's Beatrice head a uniformly splendid cast in which, not surprisingly, Welsh voices feature prominently.

Reynolds on Radio. *Radio 2, 1.00pm.*
I am as hopelessly addicted to radio as *The Daily Telegraph's* Gillian Reynolds. So I am grinding my teeth with envy this morning at her being given a whole hour to wallow in nostalgia while picking some plums from more recent broadcasting. On what she calls "the radio station of my mind", the famous voices include the *Toytown* repertory company, John Arlott, Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, Dick Barton and Paul Temple and — for which I am much indebted to Gillian Reynolds – the inimitable Rob Wilton. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Steve Edwards (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.00** 1FM Summer Roadshow 21st Birthday Party **2.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **5.30** Evening Session **8.30** Loud and Proud **9.00** Out on Blue Six **10.00** Billy Joel Special **11.30-4.00am** Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. 5.00am Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **8.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Bob Holness **1.00pm** Reynolds on Radio: See Choice **2.00** Summer Afternoon with Ed Stewart ***4.00** Let Me Tell You a Story from Way Back...* ***6.00** John Dunn* ***7.00** Hubert Gregg* ***7.30** Ivy* Benson Tribute **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Diana Ross **10.00** Jazz Greats: Chet Baker **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** Mission Investigates (r) **10.25** Wiggly Park: A Very Muddy Day, read by Andrew Sachs **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** In the Hot Seat **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside: live from the UK International Power Boat Grand Prix in Nottingham **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.15** Kiss the Dust: A story of a Kurdish family's flight from Iraq by Elizabeth Laird (r) **7.30** Champion Sport **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stones, *Seriously Seeking* **5.45** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Recording of the Week **7.30** The Fight Against AIDS **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Images of Wales **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Parallel Lives **10.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.45** Sports **11.00** Images of Women, Images of Men **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Composer of the Month: Felix Mendelssohn **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Brain of Britain **1.45** Sports **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stones, *Seriously Seeking* **3.45** The Miles Kington Interview **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** One Blood — A History of Jamaican Music **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** On Screen **12.30** Multitrack 1 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Game, Set and Match **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Brain of Britain **4.00** News **4.15** Sports

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6.00 Nick Bailey **10.00** The Great CD Giveaway Show **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Classic Russia with Mel Cooper **5.00** Petroc Trelawny **7.00** Classical Gas with Johnny Black **8.00** Evening Concert: *Pavarotti in the Park* **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

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Two Homes chiefs found guilty of fraud

By Sara McConnell and Jon Ashworth

■ Life assurance companies that backed the failed broker are among the chief losers and have also had to pay compensation to some of Home Assured's clients

THE scandal of Homes Assured Corporation, the mortgage broker that collapsed in 1989 owing creditors nearly £11 million, reached its denouement when jurors deliberating over the Bank Holiday weekend found its two key directors guilty of fraudulent trading.

Anthony Dobson, founder, and Keith Woodward, a former director, were convicted of trading fraudulently between November 1988 and August 1989 after a four-month trial.

Dobson, 60, who has a long and chequered business career, was also found guilty on two charges of procuring the execution of a security by deception. Woodward, 56, a long-time associate, was found guilty of one charge of furnishing false information. Both men were allowed bail until October 1, when they will be sentenced. They are to appeal.

The jury was unable to reach a decision on the third defendant, Michael Robinson, former managing director of Homes Assured, after six days of deliberation. The Serious Fraud Office will decide in the next few days whether he need face a retrial on the single accusation of fraudulent trading against him.

Dobson, of Glebe Place, Chelsea, Woodward, of Blake Hall Road, Wanstead, east London, and Mr Robinson had pleaded not guilty.

Homes Assured was set up during the housing boom in 1987 to arrange mortgages for council house tenants hoping to buy their properties under the right-to-buy legislation. It ran into difficulties when thousands of clients cashed in endowment policies, triggering a claw-back by the insurance companies that had paid commissions upfront.

Legal & General and Criterion Assurance, two of the main insurers involved, have, it is understood, since paid substantial compensation, possibly as much as £1 million, to council tenants who had arranged endowment mortgages through Homes Assured. The two insurers are also big creditors. L&G says it is owed £1.7 million in commission and Criterion £750,000. Both L&G and Criterion failed to carry out checks on the directors of Homes Assured. Several companies involved with Dobson and Woodward had previously become insolvent.

The insurers admitted they had been impressed by the names of Homes Assured directors, including Sir Edward du Cann, former Conservative party chairman. Sir Edward resigned as a non-executive director before liquidators were appointed. Other non-executives included Eric Orbell, a former general manager of Commercial Union and Douglas Perryman, former finance director of BT, who resigned after a few months.

The Southwark Crown Court jury was told that the directors refused to wind the company down when they realised it was insolvent. Costs had rocketed and cancelations had left the group without income or cash.

Witnesses said that high-living Dobson remained optimistic, saying he "talked telephone number profits" and had "more front than Woolworths". Michael Kallisher, QC, prosecuting, said the defendants were experienced enough to realise when Homes Assured had failed. But it was alleged it was in their interests to keep going. The court heard that £116,000 was paid to companies owned by Dobson or members of his family while Homes Assured was insolvent. Smaller sums went to Dobson personally. Woodward was paid £38,000.

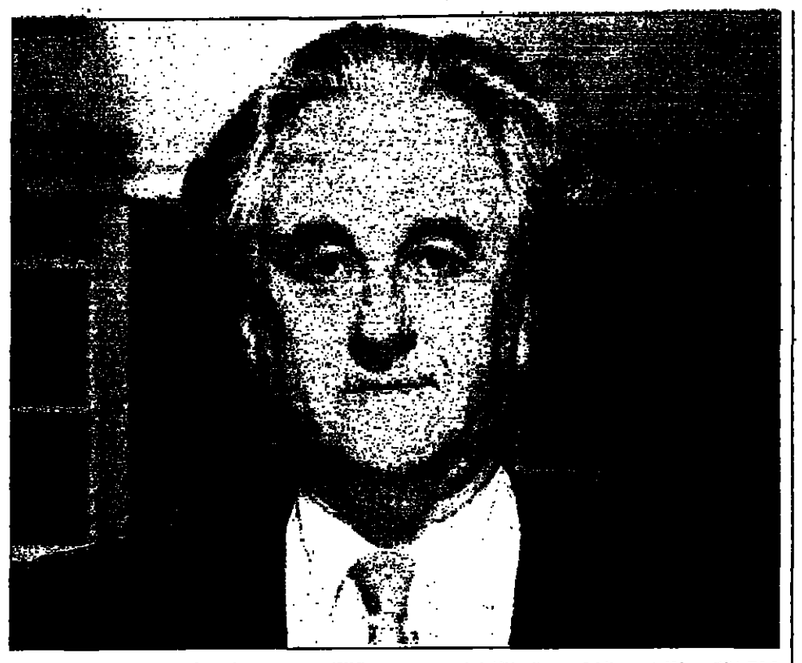
Mr Kalisher told the court that nine months before liquidation, the group had illegally traded while insolvent. He said that to survive, the defendants raised any short-term loans they could to delay "the inevitable".

In 1987, Dobson had avoided bankruptcy by reaching an agreement over a sum of £600,000. Mr Kalisher said he hid this from a bank and a stockbroking firm that were persuaded to invest £250,000 each into the venture.

Outside the court, Dobson said: "In this country businessmen take all the risk as entrepreneurs but never get any reward."

His comments echo those he made after the collapse of Nicol Industrial Holdings, a disparate group on engineering companies, most of which when into receivership in quick succession in 1980. Those insolvencies also attracted criticisms of Dobson's high expenses, expensive cars and unpaid bills, including pension contributions.

Homes Assured sold Legal & General policies from its launch in 1987 to September 1988, when its agency agreement with L&G was terminated. It then became an agent of Criterion. Regulators investigating found that council tenants had in some cases taken out expensive loans to pay arrangement fees of up to £500 to Homes Assured. Policies were arranged many months in advance to earn commission. Some clients never exchanged contracts on their homes. Many people were sold the wrong policy or given wrong advice. Under the Financial Services Act, life companies are responsible for the activities of their tied agents.





Anthony Dobson, top, and Keith Woodward, who were found guilty



Robinson: no decision

Spectre that stalks du Cann

THE spectre of Homes Assured will stalk Sir Edward du Cann to his grave (Jon Ashworth writes). The former Tory party chairman resigned as a non-executive director of Homes Assured in August 1989, 15 days before liquidators were appointed, but in August 1991, the DTI started proceedings seeking his disqualification to be a director of public companies, leading to him stepping down as chairman of Lonrho.

The DTI action was under section six of the Company Directors Disqualification Act (1986), which allows for an order where a firm has become insolvent and where a director's conduct may make him unfit to be involved with the running of a company. Proceedings were frozen during the trial as they involve six other former Homes Assured directors, including Anthony Dobson and Keith Woodward.

Most of Sir Edward's other problems relate to money. Since the 1980s, he has had run-ins with building societies for not keeping up mortgage payments. Last year, the bulk of his 338-acre Somerset estate was repossessed and sold. This March, bailiffs took tractors and combine harvesters from his estate and a flat in London was seized.

An interim order for bankruptcy was made against him over unpaid bills on petition from Denton Hall Burgin & Warrens, his former solicitor. The Inland Revenue had been pressing for similar action on unpaid tax. He has a fortnight in which to appeal to a higher court against the bankruptcy order and hopes creditors will agree to a voluntary arrangement. In the meantime, his affairs are in the hands of the Official Receiver.

Fears voiced over pooling at Lloyd's

By Sarah Bagnall, Insurance Correspondent

FEARS are emerging within Lloyd's of London that the new underwriting investment pooling schemes, being set up to protect less wealthy names by spreading their risk, might actually damage the loss-making insurance market.

Many members' agents keenly support Members' Agents Pooling Arrangements (Mapas) and are rushing ahead with plans to set them up in time for the 1994 underwriting year.

Willis Faber & Dumas, a leading firm, has, however, warned names that Mapas could "do serious harm to the Lloyd's market if poorly managed".

It argues that they might be "a recipe for bringing back the poor underwriting standards of the late 1980s", since Mapas, spread among up to 70 syndicates in an attempt to reduce risk, may prop up bad underwriters.

There are also fears that Mapas may stifle new talent coming into the market, favour bigger syndicates, and be promoted to bolster members agents' flagging fee incomes. Names need to keep less money at Lloyd's if they trade only through Mapas.

John Parkinson of Willis Faber & Dumas, which is itself sponsoring a small Mapa, said: "My fear is that names will be drawn into Mapas because of slick presentations. Then three years later, when the market is in a downturn, they will want to come out.

"But they may find that Lloyd's has kept its promise and is controlling capacity and so the choice syndicates will be full."

Since Mapas cover many syndicates, the chance of a year being left open also rises significantly. As a result, a name might be unable to resign from Lloyd's.

Moves by Lloyd's to help names meet the market's latest record loss of £2.9 billion are also attracting criticism.

Lloyd's asked syndicate managing agents to call for as little cash as possible this year and, as a result, names have been asked for an average 57 per cent of losses, the rest being called only when needed to pay claims.

Members' agents argue that the deferral scheme makes it harder for names wishing to continue underwriting because deferred losses are deducted from the funds held at Lloyd's, which must be at least 30 per cent of premium income taken.

In a related move, to make matters worse, syndicates running down business have taken to estimating in advance the total losses that names might eventually incur.

Homeowners' price growth hopes fade

By Carl Mortished

HOMEOWNERS are predicting slower growth in house prices because of lack of faith in the British economy.

A survey of 1,000 homeowners and potential house-buyers undertaken by the Britannia Building Society, shows continuing expectations that house prices will rise over the next six months. But homeowners are less confident about growth, forecasting increases of 1.43 per cent over the next six months compared with predictions of more than 2 per cent in the spring.

Homeowners are still not convinced by the abundance of green shoots in the economy seen by most economic forecasters.

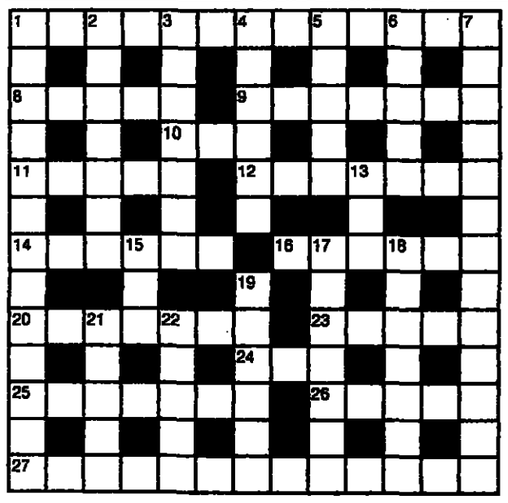
Only 14 per cent of the sample were confident that the economy would improve over the next half year. A further 35 per cent were slightly confident, while 46 per cent were not confident at all in recovery.

Britannia's survey shows a continuing gap between the expectations of buyers and sellers, with 85 per cent of homeowners and 96 per cent of first-time buyers agreeing that it is a good time to buy.

Sellers, however, are sitting tight, with 86 per cent of homeowners believing that the time is not right to put their homes on the market.

Homeowners in East Anglia are the most optimistic, expecting prices to rise 3.4 per cent over the next six months, followed by Scotland with 2.7 per cent. Those in the South East are, on average, only expecting a rise of 0.6 per cent. Homeowners in London look for an increase of 1.9 per cent.

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1 Malawi president (8,5)
8 *Bash* (5)
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12 Hermaphroditic (7)
14 Activity centre (6)
16 Immature (6)
20 Crusader foe (7)
23 Send back (5)
24 Pair (3)
25 Moth, penguin (7)
26 Period (5)
27 User-endangering weapon (3-5,5)

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15 Sheep noise (3)
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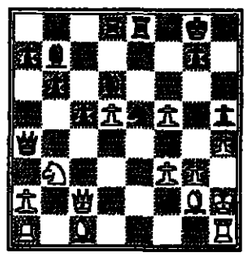
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Miralles-Fedorowicz, Cannes 1992. At first glance, this position does not look too bad for White. However, he was mated in short order. Can you see how Black broke through?



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By Philip Howard

BRENNUS

a. Hannibal's Alpine pass
b. A lost epic poet
c. A Gallic leader

EUPHORION

a. The god of euphoria
b. An Alexandrian poet
c. The Greek harvest months

PAULY-WISSOWA

a. Schliemann's financier
b. A trochaic cataleptic dimeter
c. An encyclopaedia

ZENODOTUS

a. An early librarian
b. A Spartan general
c. A lost tragedian

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Solar rises above recession



Tom Beese says microlight standards have become more stringent and their noise levels have been reduced

By Jon Ashworth

NINETEEN months ago, one of the UK's best-known microlight manufacturers called in the receivers. Today, Solar Wings Aviation of Wiltshire is not only back in business, but has defied the recession to become the world's third biggest microlight company.

Solar Wings, which has 24 employees at Manton, near Marlborough, found a saviour in Keith Duckworth, founder of Cosworth Engineering, which makes engines for McLaren, Ford and others. Mr Duckworth, a keen aviator, teamed up with Tom Beese, Solar Wings' managing director, to buy the company back from the receivers for £86,000 in November 1991. The company's turnover was £1.1 million last year. It is set to return to the black in 1994.

"We have cut costs by 30 per cent and completely replaced our product range," said Mr Beese, who regularly takes to the air over Wiltshire. "We previously relied too heavily on the UK. Now, we sell to 20 countries and 70 per cent of our sales are abroad."

Solar Wings makes the Pegasus range of microlights, including the top-of-the-range Quasar, which won the British Design Award in January. The new *Quantam* model went into production two weeks ago. The company grew well during the eighties, but was dragged under by high costs and falling sales when the recession hit. From a peak of 130 aircraft in 1988, it expects to sell 70-80 microlights in 1993, priced at between £8,000 and £15,000.

In October 1992, fire destroyed Solar's previous factory, cutting turnover by 70 per cent for four months. Full production resumed in February, and the company has beaten its sales targets in four out of the past six months. Germany has just relaxed its restrictions on the use of microlights, and Solar Wings was the first foreign company to establish a foothold.

Despite an often dismal safety record, Mr Beese insists that modern microlights are both safe and quiet. "Microlighting is now one of the safest activities. In the past, standards were lax and people attached engines to things that were not airworthy. They were slow and noisy. Today, you hardly hear them." Indeed, the dominant sound at the company's headquarters is the ringing of cash-registers. With sales of £140,000 in June alone, Solar Wings must be the envy of the thousands of recession-battered small companies that did not make